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SNOWFALL across the city on Sunday inspired fun-loving residents to build sculptures and go sledging.

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Binmen drugs probe

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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CITY refuse workers have tested positive for drugs or alcohol for the second time in just over 18 months.

MK NEWS understands five employees at Serco, the company which provides waste collection and other environmental services for Milton Keynes Council, came out positive in the latest round of tests.

Serco has now confirmed 'a number of individuals' tested positive for cannabis or alcohol and have now been suspended pending further investigations. One employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, contacted this newspaper to complain of his colleagues' behaviour.

He said: "I'm an employee that works really hard. I'm sick of seeing drugs here."

Serco contract manager Mark Sturgeon said: "There is nowhere to hide and no excuse for any member of staff who ignores the warnings and carries on using banned substances.

"With the direct support of the council, the union and the local police force, Serco will continue to implement policies which are in the best interest of all of our staff and customers.

"In addition, the company also sets standards of conduct and behaviour, which are expected to be upheld by all employees."

This follows six workers testing positive in random tests in August 2010 - as also revealed by MK NEWS.

At that time the employees were allowed to remain with the company and were 'redeployed to supervised duties'.

The company says it has a zero tolerance stance to the use of any banned substance and in addition to drugs tests it has supported and redeployed staff who 'acknowledged and wished to take advantage of the opportunity to overcome earlier drug dependency'.

Andy Hudson, head of environment and waste at Milton Keynes Council, said: "We're delighted that Serco is maintaining such a firm and unwavering stance in this area.

"As well as stringent disciplinary procedures, however, the company is also demonstrating a very responsible attitude in ensuring that the welfare of both staff and members of the public is always the top priority."

Text pest cop told jail term not excessive

A FORMER policeman who harassed vulnerable women with explicit text messages and silent phone calls has been told by top judges he deserves every day of his jail term.

Mark Wilkie abused his position as an officer to get some of his victims' numbers from the Police National Computer, London's Criminal Appeal Court heard on Friday.

He was jailed for three years and four months at Cambridge Crown Court in October last year after admitting 12 counts of misconduct in a public office and one of theft.

The 51-year-old, of Leary Crescent, Newport Pagnell, challenged this sentence at the Appeal Court, with his lawyers arguing it was 'too long' for his crimes.

But his appeal was dismissed by top judges, who said the term was 'not excessive'.

Despite the sexually explicit nature of the text messages sent to his victims, the court heard he denied getting any sexual gratification from sending them.

Wilkie's lawyers said he had been 'disgraced' by his conduct and the end of his police career.

They also said the crown court judge didn't take enough account of his admissions of guilt or the impact any prison term was likely to have on him.

But dismissing the appeal, judge Mr Justice Treacy said the sentence was 'not excessive' in circumstances where Wilkie had abused the trust of these vulnerable women.

The judge, sitting with Mr Justice Blair, added: "The very people whom officers were meant to be protecting were being subjected to a further ordeal by this appellant.

"We are not persuaded that the sentence of 40 months was excessive."

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No pardon for Turing says Justice Minister

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE Government's law boss has said Alan Turing will not be pardoned for homosexual 'crimes'.

On Thursday Justice Minister Lord Tom McNally responded to a request for a posthumous pardon for Turing by saying it is 'not considered appropriate'.

In 1952 Turing, whose work at Bletchley Park is credited with shortening the Second World War by two years, was prosecuted for homosexual acts and agreed to undergo a course of oestrogen injections as an alternative to jail.

Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown has already issued an apology, but there are calls for a full pardon including an e-petition which has 23,600 signatures.

But Lord McNally has said there won't be a pardon, adding: "A posthumous pardon was not considered appropriate as Alan Turing was properly convicted of what at the time was a criminal offence. He would have known his offence was against the law and that he would be prosecuted."

But this has been met by anger by campaigners. Professor Barry Cooper, who heads up a group arranging celebrations for Turing's 100th birthday this year, said: "They admit it was a bad law and we don't do things like that nowadays, so why let a conviction stand and give it the status that refusing a pardon does?"

There are nine months left to run on the petition and if it gets more than 100,000 signatures it will be debated in Parliament.

Labour spokesman Andrew Pakes said: "Alan Turing is a national hero and integral part of our history. I hope people will continue to sign the petition."

To sign the petition visit http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/23526.

Dignitaries including deputy mayor Catriona Morris, *second from right*, with the evergreen bouquet

Town closer to getting 'top' station

A NEW railway station for Wolverton reached a milestone yesterday after everyone involved in the project celebrated its 'topping out'.

The traditional construction ceremony included the placing of a bouquet of evergreens on the building to bring luck.

A plaque donated by the Wolverton Society for Arts and Heritage, which was hand-crafted by apprentices from Railcare, was also unveiled.

Construction on the new building began in June last year and will be complete in the spring, providing a new ticket office, booking hall, toilets and seated waiting area.

The brickwork walls are now up and the specialist timber beams are on show at each end of the building under the slate roof.

The timber beams are a feature of the building and it is designed to be sympathetic to the historic Victorian buildings around it.

It is also designed to reflect the town's railway heritage.

The project has a long history extending back to 2004, with the Wolverton Steering Group and ward councillors being instrumental in helping to obtain funding and pressing to get the station built.

Teenager in sex assault

A TEENAGER was sexually assaulted on Saturday.

The 19-year-old was walking through the underpass next to the old bus station on V6 Grafton Gate between 11 and 11.30pm when a man grabbed her and led her to stairs at the back of the skateboard park. He forced her to touch him inappropriately then walked off past the bus station.

The offender is white, about 5ft 4ins, 19 to 20 years old, and of slim build. He was wearing a dark coat and jeans and a dark blue scarf around his mouth. Anyone with information should call 101.

MPs write MK Dons letter

MILTON Keynes' two MPs have written to the Minister for Sport in response to calls for MK Dons to lose the latter part of their name.

Residents angry at the campaign of a Wimbledon newspaper have contacted Iain Stewart, whose constituency includes stadiummk.

The issue was discussed in Parliament two weeks ago and now 13 MPs have signed an Early Day Motion, which says dropping 'Dons' from the name might encourage more supporters from the city.

This motion is unlikely to be heard, as only a fraction of those tabled are discussed.

This has prompted Mr Stewart and Mark Lancaster to contact Minister for Sport Hugh Robertson.

The letter reads: "There is no local stigma attached to the Dons since moving to Milton Keynes and they have made the brand unique and individual to their new home.

"Whatever the arguments about the relocation of Wimbledon to Milton Keynes in 2002, it would be a hugely negative and counterproductive move to force MK Dons to rebrand itself."

Mr Lancaster is due to be talking on the subject in Parliament tomorrow.

Powerful: The Phare Ponleu Selpak

Cultural feast for the senses promised for 2012

THE city's second International Festival promises thrills galore after a number of acts and artists were announced yesterday.

IF:2012 will bring ten days of world-class arts and entertainment between Friday, July 20 and Sunday, July 29.

The opening event for the festival will run over three nights, featuring French fire alchemists Compagnie Carabosse, who create large-scale displays using flames, music and sound.

On the first day, a 30ft boat will sail into thecentre:mk.

The Boat Project is one of the UK's lead public art commissions and has been created from pieces of wood donated by people across Milton Keynes and the south east.

A Big Top in Campbell Park will present a series of international performances, including Rouge by Cambodian company The Phare Ponleu Selpak - a production of dance and circus acts.

Visit www.ifmiltonkeynes.org for more details.

Water and fire: The Boat Project and Compagnie Carabosse will both be wowing crowds at IF:2012

Beacon will light up the city again

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MUCH-LOVED monument will make a welcome return to the city's skyline later this year.

A beacon which once stood at the top of the Belvedere in Campbell Park will be re-erected to celebrate what is an important year in the history of the city and the rest of the country.

Originally erected in 1988 for the Trafalgar Celebrations, the beacon stood at 30ft high, consisted of a basket on a wooden pole, and was lit on special occasions such as the turn of the millennium.

When it was first put in, it stood as the tallest point in Milton Keynes.

But in 2002 it was struck by lightning and had to be removed.

Now it is set to make a return to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, The Parks Trust's 20th anniversary and the Olympics.

Briony Serigson, head of community engagement at The Parks Trust, is heading up the project.

She said: "To mark our 20th anniversary we are doing a number of events this year and we wanted to light it again for that.

"With everything that's happening, such as the building of the new amphitheatre, it's a significant year for Campbell Park and we wanted to find a way to commemorate that."

Several artists are currently working on the design of the new beacon and once it has been chosen and has planning permission, it is intended it will be lit for June 4 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Mother pleas for witnesses to help catch flasher

THE mother of an 11-year-old girl who was flashed at on Sunday is urging witnesses to come forward.

The girl was slegding with her friend in front of Oakgrove School, Woolstone, when a man sat on a bench behind her to tie his laces and then started running again.

About ten minutes later, the offender returned and saw the victim was alone.

He approached her and said: 'Hey look at this', before exposing himself. When he saw the victim's friend coming back, he ran off.

The mother said: "We need to protect our children and our community so people need to come forward.

"My daughter is still scared to go out on her own."

The offender is white, between 23 and 26 years old, slim, about 5ft 11ins and clean shaven. He was wearing a blue long-sleeved jacket, blue knee-length shorts, and a black hat with a baby blue strip on it. Anyone with information should call Thames Valley Police on 101.

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SIR - So now the management of bridges has been found wanting and it's out in public (Report highlights inspection failings, MK NEWS, January 25).

It's tempting to say I told you so!

I was profoundly moved by the chairman's and the audit committee's warm and sincere thanks for what I had done in bringing this to Milton Keynes Council's (MKC) full attention.

To make sure that bridges stay in the public eye, I'm starting a blog called The Bridges of Milton Keynes to show that we have some interesting and pretty bridges here, as well as some which need attention.

What will it take to recover the bridges? A longer period of time and a great deal of money.

Are any going to collapse any time soon? With one exception I doubt it, and MKC must be glad it does not belong to them.

However, the real danger, in my mind, lies in defects in the safety fence arrangements on road bridges.

I'm not certain that the council seems to know what to do about them. I have offered to help. They have, however, been very decisive in getting started on the major type of inspections which weren't being done at all.

The simpler, more frequent general inspections are now being signed off by a qualified civil engineer.

The solutions to the current mess are not rocket science in my view but it has been a great relief to me now that my burden is shared.

George Harlock
Sent by e-mail

George Harlock on the bridge across the Grand Union between Springfield and Woolstone

Angry at the state of our town centre

SIR - With regards to your story 'Calls for high street to be regenerated' (MK NEWS, January 25).

I have over the years questioned Mr Pakes' colleagues on this subject and have always been fobbed off with the answer 'we have got plans for Bletchley'.

Their plans have varied. For example the Co-op building could be a cinema and leisure complex, specialist shops, or converted into flats. The latest suggestion is some sort of art centre.

The answer for Bletchley town centre is to make the rent/rates realistic to give the shopkeepers a fighting chance.

My wife was born in Bletchley and I came from London in 1952. We love our town and we are angry to see it as it is today.

P I Chambers
Bletchley

Stop being prejudiced against mental health

SIR - With regards to your story about the proposed mental health centre in West Bletchley (MK NEWS, January 18).

Unfortunately many people have only read or listened to the negative media about people who have mental health issues.

The people who are campaigning against the centre need to think that one day they or a relative or friend may have to use a mental health service.

Not all rehabilitation buildings need to be secure and most mental health centres are set up like a person's home. They are used for a variety of mental health issues, including depression.

After being in hospital for a long time some patients may need to visit a rehabilitation unit to regain their confidence or relearn or be taught the daily living skills which most of us take as granted.

I would be more worried about living next to a school where, unfortunately, there are some children who cause more problems for local residents than any patient I have cared for in a rehabilitation unit.

When is it ever going to stop? When will humans start to be humane and stop being prejudiced against people with mental health disabilities?

Christine Green
Sent by e-mail

Chance to score a new name for club

SIR - MK is a good place to live but has an image of concrete cows, roundabouts and MK Dons.

Personally I think the grid system is great and the concrete cows give us something that is unique to market.

However, MK Dons promotes a suburb in south London complete with a negative stigma about how the club was relocated.

Surely this gives us an opportunity to stop promoting Wimbledon and start promoting Milton Keynes?

MK City, City of Milton Keynes - all would shout about the city rather than Dons.

There are plenty of famous clubs who have done this - Woolwich and Newton Heath spring to mind (Arsenal and Manchester United).

Do you think the city of Manchester has gained from the positive association of the name change?

Why not link up with Red Bull Racing and gain positive association in the same way Salzburg has?

The club may even start to see the attendance climb because you could go along to support 'loud and proud' Milton Keynes.

Personally I take the family to watch the odd game at Luton because I want to support a local club and I don't really associate WimbleDON with being a local club.

Given the above I cannot understand why the club would want to retain this link that gives no advantage to our city.

Surely this is a good opportunity to change the bizarre name and get the maximum advantage for the club and our city?

Paul Sutherland
Loughton

Let us decide how to elect councillors

SIR - It was reported in your paper on January 18 that Milton Keynes Council is considering a proposal to change the present established way of electing councillors.

At present a third of Milton Keynes councillors are elected each year, with no election in the fourth year.

The council wants to change this to one election every four years.

The suggestion made by the council may save money but this will not be preferred by a majority of voters.

Since local elections are held every year, the voters come in contact with the candidates at least once a year.

If elections are held once in four years the councillors are out of touch with the local residents.

New residents who move to this area have to wait for a long period of time to take part in the council elections.

The truth of the matter is that the Conservatives should not force their choice without proper consultation.

Before taking any decision the council should consult the public with all options available and go to a referendum. Let the public decide what is the best method of electing local councillors.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

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Brave Tony takes on 30 marathons

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A 57-YEAR-OLD businessman will be taking on a gruelling 700-mile charity run across Europe in aid of the city's hospice.

Tony Sellers, from Campbell Park, is planning to run from Champex Lac in the Swiss Alps back to Milton Keynes in the hope of raising £20,000 for Willen Hospice in memory of his wife.

Debbie Sellers, who with Tony helped create the city's MKweb community portal, died last October at the age of 54 after an 18-month battle against cancer.

The run is due to take place in May and he is hoping to complete the punishing slog inside 30 days – the equivalent of running a marathon a day for a month.

He said he is planning the arduous run as a way of thanking the hospice for the support they gave to both him and Debbie.

"The staff at Willen stood by us with support and advice from the moment Debbie was first diagnosed with terminal breast cancer back in February 2010.

"They were also there at the end to help take care of her and to keep her free of pain in her final days.

"I don't know what we would have done without them.

"I am hoping to raise as close to £20,000 as I can from this run as my way of saying thank you to this wonderful institution and to their marvellous staff."

And he is appealing for a small group of people to help out with his support team during his marathon of marathons task.

In training: Tony Sellers

You can see details of Tony's 700-mile run and donate online at www.700-mile-run.com.

Anyone wanting to volunteer can contact Tony on contactus@700-mile-run.com, or via the e-mail links at the top of the web page.

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Meet the new neighbour

CHARITY group MacIntyre is moving to the former Beanhill Community Centre. On Friday between 10am and 2pm it is hosting 'Meet MacIntyre' to give residents the chance to see what the organisation does. The charity provides services and support to more than 170 learning disabled people across the city.

City's going green

THE city will be helped to go green after an energy project won a share of £5.1million from the Local Energy Assessment Fund (LEAF).The Wolverton Steering Group has been awarded £15,565 as part of the Government's aim to radically overhaul the energy efficiency of millions of homes across the UK.

Cupcake giveaway

THERE will be cupcakes galore at Xscape over the coming half-term holiday - and one special cake is 500 times sweeter than the rest. That's because it contains a cash prize of £500. For more details of the cupcake giveaway times, follow Xscape on Twitter @XscapeMK.

Open verdict in lake death case

A MAN whose body was found in Furzton Lake last year died of 'immersion'.

The inquest into the death of 34-year-old Brian Balster, whose body was found in the water by a woman on October 25, was concluded last Wednesday.

A post-mortem examination revealed Mr Balster had not drowned as there was not enough water in his lungs.

Instead, due to the high level of alcohol in his blood and the cold temperature of the water, the pathologist said he would have entered shock, his heart would have stopped, and he would have died quickly. There was 334mg of alcohol in Mr Balster's blood - the legal driving limit is 80mg.

It is also thought his body could have been in the water for up to two days before it was found.

Milton Keynes coroner Tom Osborne recorded an open verdict as he ruled there was not enough evidence to decide whether his death was accidental or he had done it deliberately.

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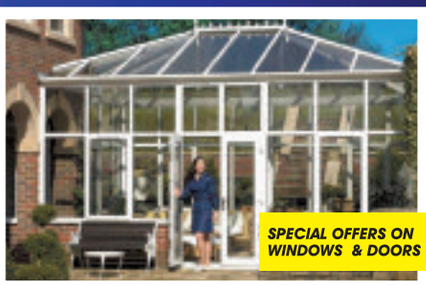

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Derailed: An incident south of Bletchley left commuters stranded

Services back on track in Bletchley

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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RAIL passengers were witness to scenes of 'bedlam' on Friday morning when trains between Milton Keynes and Euston were cancelled after a engine derailment at Bletchley overnight.

After the chaos calmed down, Network Rail revealed that the engine may have been going too fast.

The Freightliner locomotive appeared to have approached a set of points at high speed which caused the tracks to buckle, damaged wooden sleepers and brought down some overhead cables.

A spokesman for Network Rail said: "You are meant to approach points at a relatively low speed but it looks like that move was taken at a high speed and, as a result, the train has derailed."

The driver was the only person on board and although he was shaken up, he only suffered minor injuries.

Commuter Peter Stanford, from Bow Brickhill, said: "With all the commuters arriving at rush hour this morning with no clue what was going on it was bedlam."

Coach and bus operators struggled to provide alternative transport and taxi firms were inundated with customers.

Passenger Julie Ripley, from Bletchley, said: "I won't get to London now until midday, which is pointless. It's a waste of a day."

A normal working service between Milton Keynes Central and Euston did not resume until Monday morning.

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch is conducting an investigation.

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White Hart decision

THE final decision is expected next week on whether a controversial mental health centre will be built in West Bletchley. Milton Keynes Council's planning committee will meet on Thursday, February 16 to decide whether Cambian can go ahead with the plans for the former White Hart pub.

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TXM Recruit, a specialist engineering recruitment company, will be the employer of the trainees through the three years and said the applications are already pouring in.

Andrew Midgely, business development manager at the company in Wolverton Mill, said: "We know young people now live in a digital world of social media and we want to give the applicants a chance to shine in the way they know best. Applications are already pouring in and we are getting comments from across the world. It's a really fun and exciting way to apply for the job because it gives the young people a chance to show off their personality and for family and friends to comment on why they are right for the job."

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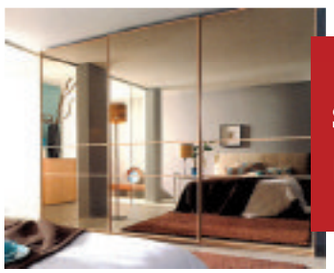

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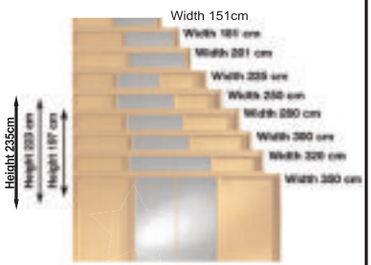

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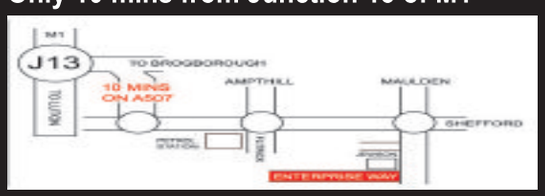

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Man is jailed for child sex abuse

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A 55-YEAR-OLD man was jailed last week for sex offences against two children.

William Diack, *pictured*, was given an indeterminate jail sentence with a minimum of ten years and ten months at Amersham Crown Court on Friday.

He was found guilty of three counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault on December 16 following a week-long trial.

Diack carried out the offences on two children, a boy and a girl, between 1999 and 2009.

All of the offences were committed when he was living in the Central Milton Keynes area.

The boy was aged between 11 and 15 years old and the girl was

aged between five and nine years old.

Diack, who left Milton Keynes in 2006 and moved to Croydon and then Kent, was arrested at his home in Wordsworth Road, Maidstone, on December 9, 2010 and charged on June 6, 2011.

When he was arrested, Diack's computer was seized and he was found to have more than 200 indecent images of children ranging from level one to the most serious level five.

He was charged with ten counts of making indecent images of children. These charges will lie on file.

DC Kim McHugh, of the Child Abuse Investigation Unit in Bletchley, said: "Diack carried out a series of horrific sexual offences on his two young victims and, as many offenders like him do, he encouraged them to keep the abuse secret. This abuse carried on over a number of years and had a devastating effect on the lives of the victims.

"I would like to pay tribute to them for having the courage to speak about their horrendous experiences."

Public pay the price for uncollected tax

VITAL services in the city are suffering as a result of uncollected taxes, according to public services union GMB.

In the South East league of uncollected taxes, Milton Keynes was ranked fifth with a total of £5,036,000 not being collected.

However, Milton Keynes Council has disputed the validity of the findings.

A council spokesman said: "To illustrate how the GMB has incorrectly analysed the data, the list shows MK as having the fifth highest level of arrears, but what it doesn't show is that MK also has collected the most money of any on that list."

Richard Ascough, GMB regional secretary in the South East said: "Feeble excuses about being unable to collect these taxes no longer wash."

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For the wrecking ball? Dinesh Dhokia owns a unit at the Agora centre which could be demolished as part of new plans

Plan could be town arcade death knell

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A TOWN'S infamous shopping arcade could be facing its end after a proposal was drawn up for future planning in the area.

After two public meetings, extensive discussions with stakeholders and other research, an initial Neighbourhood Plan has been created for Wolverton.

That means the town's Agora centre could eventually be torn down for new developments outlined in the document.

Marie Osborne, convener for the Wolverton Steering Group which is leading the project, said: "We now have plans that show a newly configured town centre.

"This includes a much bigger Co-op store and some modern retail units to allow for smaller shops of national brands."

But she said that the whole scheme is predicated on the demolition of the Agora site, and she hopes the owners will help enable that to happen.

A referendum will need to take place in the town before the plan can be agreed.

Dinesh Dhokia, of the Phone and Watch Shop in the Agora, said: "If they found us a new premises I wouldn't mind, or it might be very difficult to find a place."

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Changing channel led to road death

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A MAN who killed a dad-of-two after knocking him off his bike on the A5 has avoided being sent to jail.

Martin Boulton, 28, of Lucas Place, Woughton on the Green, had previously admitted charges of causing death by careless driving and causing death by driving a vehicle while uninsured.

That was after he crashed into a bike being ridden by 43-year-old Robert Gregory from Little Brickhill at 9.45am on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

At the time, Boulton was adjusting the radio in his red Peugeot 306.

At Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday, he was sentenced to a six-month jail term suspended for two years, 200 hours unpaid work, a 15-month driving ban for each of the two offences, to run concurrently, and was fined £350.

He will also be required to take part in a restorative justice scheme if the victim's family wants to take part.

Investigating officer PC Naomi Hames said: "This is a very sad case and my thoughts continue to be with the family of Robert Gregory who have been very supportive throughout the investigation.

Robert Gregory with his wife Christina and children Aaron and Zoe

"Martin Boulton admitted he was adjusting his car radio and failed to see Mr Gregory cycling along the road. When he did see him, sadly it was too late for him to take any preventative action.

"Although it is not against the law to adjust car radios while driving, this is a reminder driving is a multi-functional task which needs undivided attention.

"Any distraction can lead to a tragic outcome.

"Mr Boulton was also driving while uninsured and while it is accepted that it was not a deliberate act on his part, I want to remind drivers that it is their responsibility to check they have valid insurance in place, especially after renewing or changing to a new insurance company.

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Hunt for torture gang continues

BY DAN PALMER
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POLICE are still hunting for the remaining members of a gang who horrifically tortured two men in a Conniburrow flat.

MK NEWS exclusively reported last week that Abdullah Patima, the ringleader of the group, had been jailed indefinitely but he has refused to reveal details about his accomplices.

The victims were beaten with weapons for a prolonged period and one was doused with petrol after they had attended the Ramsons Avenue flat to buy cannabis on October 3.

One of the men was thrown into the boot of a car and driven to a woodland in Woolstone while fearing for his life.

Patima received an indeterminate prison sentence after pleading guilty to kidnap, false imprisonment, actual bodily harm and theft but the search goes on for the rest of the group.

DC Matt Hemmings, investigating, said: "This was a savage attack which left two men badly injured. During the attack they believed they were to be set alight and killed in the most horrific way possible.

On guard: A police officer at the woodland where one man was driven

"I am pleased that the courts have taken into consideration the level of violence and intimidation which was used in this incident and I hope it will serve as a reminder to anyone who believes they can behave without regard to the law that they can expect to spend a considerable amount of time behind bars if they do so.

"We are still investigating the circumstances surrounding this attack and anyone with information about it should contact us."

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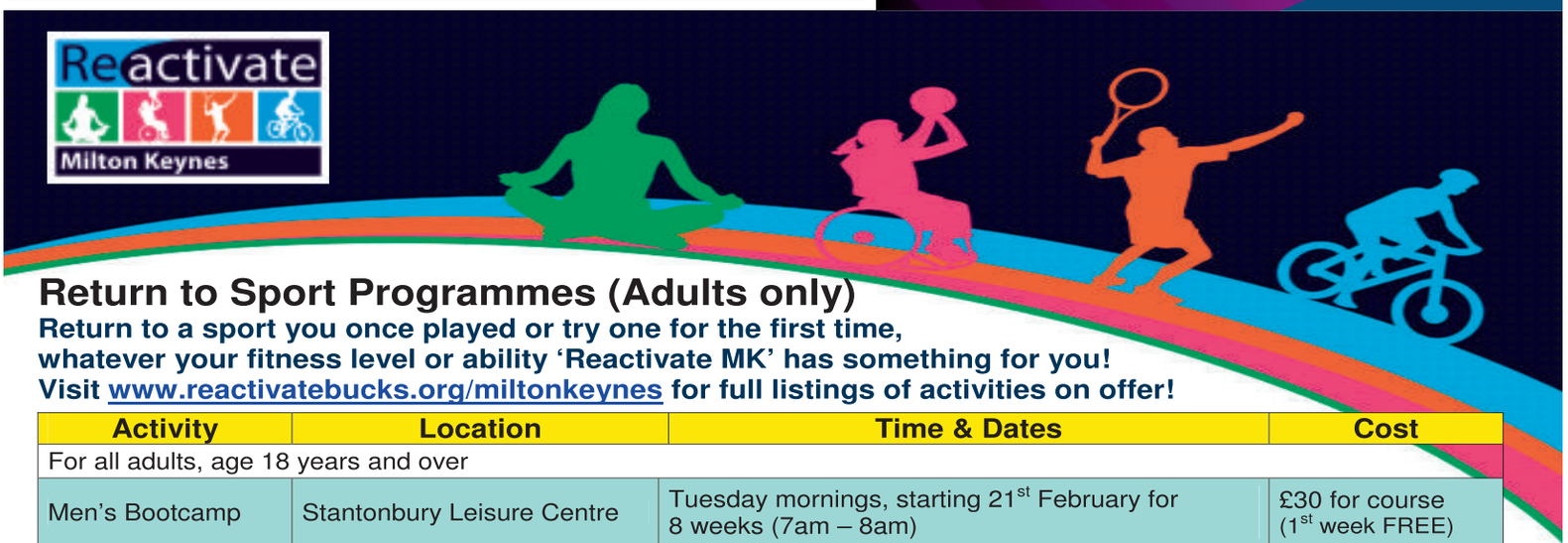

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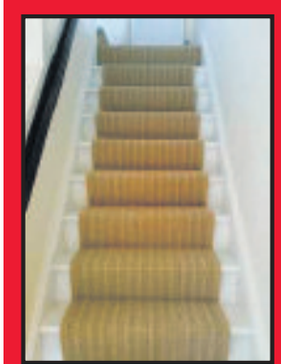

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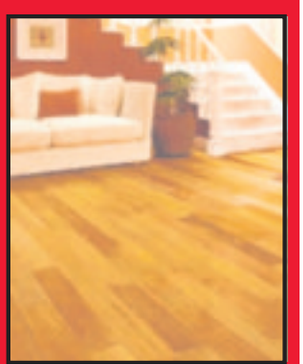

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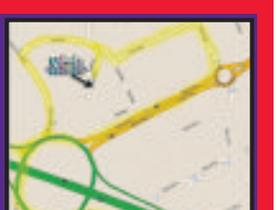

Having an ice time in snow

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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THE city woke up to a blanket of snow on Sunday morning and people headed for the parks to make the most of it.

While some of the country ground to a halt with motorways bloked and airports shutting runways, Milton Keynes kept moving.

In the shadow of Xscape's artifical run, the plateau in Campbell Park became a giant toboggan run as hundreds of families took to sledges, snowboards or anything that would slide to make the most of the temporary outdoor ski slope.

As snowmen and snow sculptures - including a horse - appeared across the city, Willen also became a centre for sledges.

The city's woodlands and lakeside walks offered a chance for people to enjoy a picturesque winter wonderland stroll.

Forecasters predict the cold snap will continue over the next few days but the chance of more snow is unlikely, so it's doubtful Milton Kenyes will be such a snowy playground this weekend.

Sarah Yates and Jonathan Elting work on their snowman at Willen

Woman saved from Willen Lake

DON'T dice with ice is the message from firefighters after a woman had to be rescued from Willen Lake on Saturday.

Crews from Newport Pagnell, Great Holm and Broughton were called to the lake shortly after 5pm when the woman went onto the ice to try to help a swan.

Station manager Ian Wilson, who attended the incident, said: "She thought it was stuck in the ice or injured and she had gone several metres out towards it.

"We managed to talk her off the ice and on to the bank and she was handed into the care of paramedics because she was suffering from the effects of the cold."

Water rescue technicians used special equipment to try to reach the swan to see if it was injured, but every time they moved towards it, it moved away from them.

Mr Wilson added: "People who are tempted to walk or play on frozen waterways, or go to the rescue of animals or birds, face a serious risk of falling through and going under.

"We are urging people not to venture on to the ice under any circumstances."

As a result of the incident, firefighters are urging people to stay away from icy waterways.

They are advising people to be extra vigilant with young children and to keep dogs under control near frozen water.

If you see an accident on the ice, call 999 straight away and do not attempt to go out on to the ice yourself.

Frozen: Willen Lake turned to ice during the weekend's cold snap

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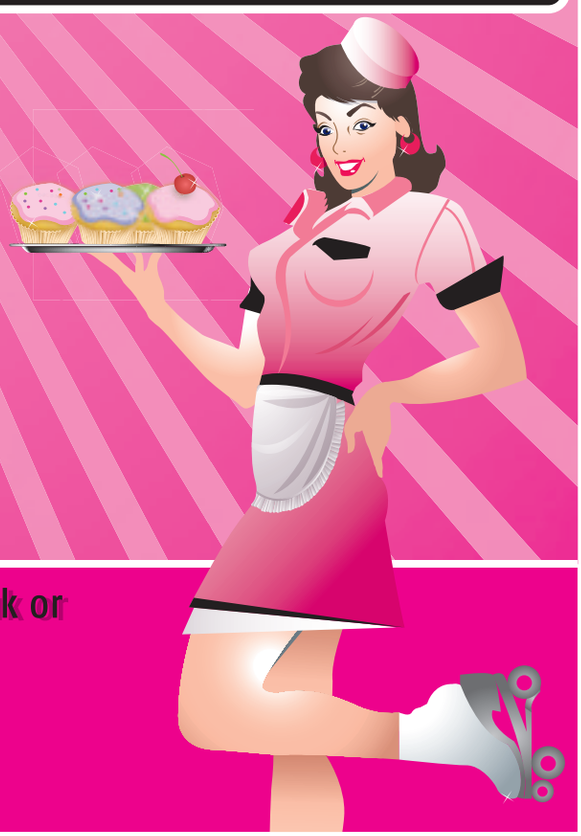

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Raise a toast to a master of service

Top toastmaster: Garry Smith in action

BY DAN PALMER
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A TOASTMASTER has every right to raise a glass to himself after he was named as one of the country's best.

Garry Smith, known as the English Toastmaster, plays a vital role in making sure weddings run smoothly on the bride and groom's big day.

He has been awarded for his efforts by coming out on top in the Special Touch category at the prestigious Wedding Industry Awards.

The winner was decided by the public and happy clients helped Garry over the line by voting for him.

"It's absolutely great to know that people really value the service I provide," he said.

"That they think so highly of me is humbling."

The toastmaster's duties include the traditional announcements but Garry, 43, goes above and beyond the call of duty and helps out in any way he can.

He has assisted with the seating arrangements, carried a bride's dress when it was raining and produced tissues, hay fever tablets and hair grips when needed.

On one occasion he even helped a guest who had a ladder in her tights – because he had come prepared with a spare pair.

"My box of tricks is often spoken about," Garry said.

"I just get a real buzz making sure people have the best day they can have, there is an unlimited spectrum of duties."

The job was something that Garry, from Bradville, only started in 2008 after he attended some disorganised weddings and felt that he could do things better.

He trained with the English Toastmaster's Association and still has a day-job as a sales rep.

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She was handed over to paramedics after the smash last Tuesday night in Livesey Hill, Shenley Lodge. Two men were also treated.

Watch manager Graham Freer, who attended the incident, said: "It was a difficult extrication because of the position of the vehicle."

MK just the ticket for train travellers

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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COMMUTING convenience makes Milton Keynes a highly desirable place to live, according to a recent survey by property agents.

With an average house price of £150,069 and trains whisking passengers to London Euston in just 35 minutes the city is ideal for commuters.

Gary Lloyd, a commuter from Stony Stratford, said: "I got a job in London straight out of university and couldn't afford to live in the capital so commuting was the most sensible option for me.

"I now earn enough to own a house in London but why would I move there when people here are so much nicer?

"We have all the facilities London does but we're not pompous with it."

Milton Keynes was also shown to be the second cheapest location after Northamptonshire when house and transport costs were calculated in 13 competing commuter destinations.

The research was carried out by Carter Jonas after the city was hit with one of the largest increases in the cost of an annual train ticket to London. The ticket now costs £4,408, which is £268 extra.

Zoe Davies, from Carter Jonas, said: "Everyone is frustrated when the cost of train fares rise but we wanted to commission this research to show Milton Keynes is still one of the UK's best value spots for commuters."

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SPORT RELIEF 2012

Schools urged to

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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AS THE nation bends and stretches itself into shape for the Sport Relief weekend, organisers are calling on schools and early years groups to get active and help raise some serious cash.

In 2010, the nation's schools and early years groups collectively raised a staggering £4.3million and this year the aim is to raise even more.

MK NEWS, along with MK Community Foundation, will be giving away £50,000 of Sport Relief cash to local community groups, initiatives and sports teams, so you know the money you raise will be going directly back into the Milton Keynes community.

To help teachers get started they can sign up for a free School Fundraising Resource Pack bursting with ideas, posters, balloons, and stickers, as well as interactive learning resources to help pupils understand where the money goes. For more details head to www.sportrelief.com/schoolstuff.

There are loads of ways schools and early years groups can get involved in Sport Relief 2012, but the best way to take part is to organise an individual Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in your school on Friday, March 23.

Kids can run, skip, hop, dance or even hula hoop down to the finish line and your free fundraising resource pack contains exclusive materials to help you organise it.

THE GRANT CRITERIA

Who can apply?
Constituted voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises benefiting the Milton Keynes area can apply, including those less than 12 months old.

Applicants must:
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- Have a bank account requiring at least two unrelated cheque signatories to authorise payments
- Have relevant policies and safeguarding such as equal opportunities and CRB checks
- Have an annual income of less than £100,000
- Be run by local people to benefit local communities
- Local offices of national charities must have their own management committee, governing documents and bank account.

Grants will not be awarded to:
- Groups that have already received any Comic Relief funding in the last 12 months.
- Overseas travel/activities
- Buses/mini buses or other community transport schemes (though travel costs will be considered as part of a project)
- Building works, including access adaptations to premises
- Academic/medical research or equipment
- Retrospective funding requests (to support activities that have already taken place)
- Individuals
- Statutory organisations (such as schools, or primary care trusts)
- Commercial or for-profit organisations, other grant making bodies or groups that are not constituted.

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help community

Part of the money raised will go to community groups in the city such as Bradville Play and Community Project, which two years ago applied for a grant and received £1,000 as part of the initiative.

The project was started when a group of mums decided there just wasn't enough for kids to do in their area.

The mums have now been giving up their free time for ten years, running crafts, sports and activities for children.

Volunteer Debbie Dyer said: "The grant has improved the service we are able to offer by paying for indoor and outdoor equipment and crafts for the youngsters to enjoy.

"It also funded up-to-date training in child protection and first aid for some of the volunteers."

The club holds activities after school and during holidays and is mainly aimed at primary school children, but older ones are welcome to go along and help out. The mums also organise a youth club on Thursdays and hold discos.

The children are enjoying their new play equipment and the volunteers say they are much more confident in child protection and first aid since their training.

MK NEWS editor Cally Jenkins, who will sit on the panel to choose where the money goes, said: "Whoever you are and whatever you do, please get involved in the mile or apply for the grants, as this is a great opportunity to help out local good causes."

Ex-Paralympian and TV presenter Ade Adepitan, who played for MK Aces basketball team, is supporting Sport Relief

HOW TO APPLY

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The deadline for applications is Friday, March 16.

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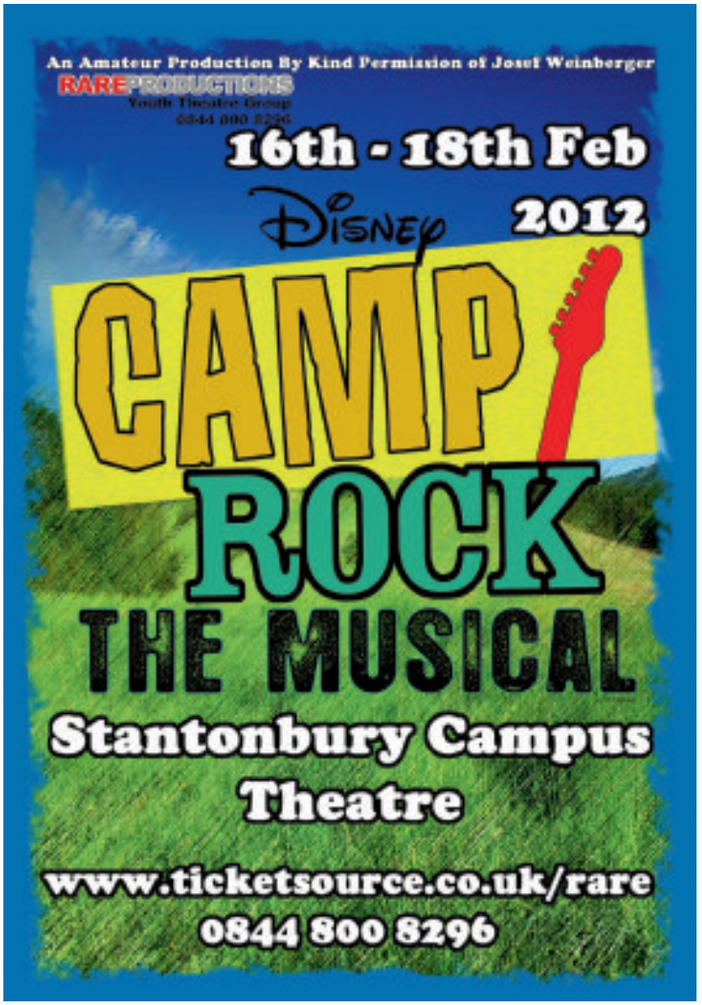

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Being bard is not an ode-ious task

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THERE'S a new bard in town.

Following a competition last Tuesday night, Stony Stratford has now selected a new wordsmith with a 'poetic licence' to represent the town.

Thirty-one-year-old Danni Kushner, AKA Danni Antagonist, has been chosen as the second Bard of Stony Stratford by the town's Bardic Council and will write poetry to reflect what happens there over the next year.

Miss Kushner has been writing and performing poetry since 2005, but says she was quite surprised to win the competition.

"There were strong contenders," she said. "There are great performers out there and you never know who's going to turn up on the night.

"Stony is very much home to me.

"Now I just want to be writing about what's going on in town.

"I'm going to be talking about the town, but also raising the profile of the art form as well."

But what exactly does the Bard of Stony Stratford do?

The position was first created this time last year, after a very successful open mic night called Scribal Gathering was held, and the organisers thought it would be good to have an advocate for creativity in the town, and poetry in general.

One of those organisers, Richard Frost, said: "Birmingham, Bath and Bristol all have bards that are recognised in an official civic position.

"So we asked Stony Stratford Town Council for their consent that the bard would be an official civic position, with official civic duties.

"After the first bard was chosen, they wrote poems for things such as the sit-in at Stony library last year and the first Stony Live festival.

"They become the face and representative of the cultural and literary scene in Stony Stratford."

Bard: Danni Kushner

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Footballers will mark milestone

BY DAN PALMER
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THIS year will see the London Olympics and the Queen's diamond jubilee, but for a local football club 2012 is most notable as it's their 25th anniversary.

The club have been fielding teams since 1986 and hope to celebrate their quarter-of-a-century birthday in style – with a little help from Premier League giants Arsenal.

A link between the two clubs could see representatives of the Gunners visit Milton Keynes for the club's annual football tournament in June.

Based at the Tattenhoe Lane Playing Fields in Bletchley, City offer football for both boys and girls in a variety of age groups.

Developing the young players socially and improving their understanding and love of the game is seen as being just as important as winning.

Club chairman Stuart Metcalfe also coaches the U18 boys team – which his twin sons Andrew and Jason play for – as well as the U14 Tigers who feature third son James.

He said: "We started off as a small club but have expanded and now have about 18 teams in all age groups.

"I enjoy what I do and wanted to give something back, but there are a lot of cold mornings and a lot of driving.

"Sometimes I could be in Bedford in the morning then Brackley in the afternoon for different games."

City are also hoping that people who were involved with the club from years gone by will come forward for the celebrations, and a 24-hour game is in the pipeline too.

Mr Metcalfe added that it would be nice if Milton Keynes officially became a city, given the club's name.

"Some players are thinking about writing to the Queen about it," he said.

The club is run entirely by volunteers and hundreds of boys and girls currently enjoy their membership.

Founded as Milton Keynes City Youth, the club adopted its current title in 2005 and is a registered charity. For more visit www.mkcityfc.com.

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Ticket to love: Win a love bus for your wedding day

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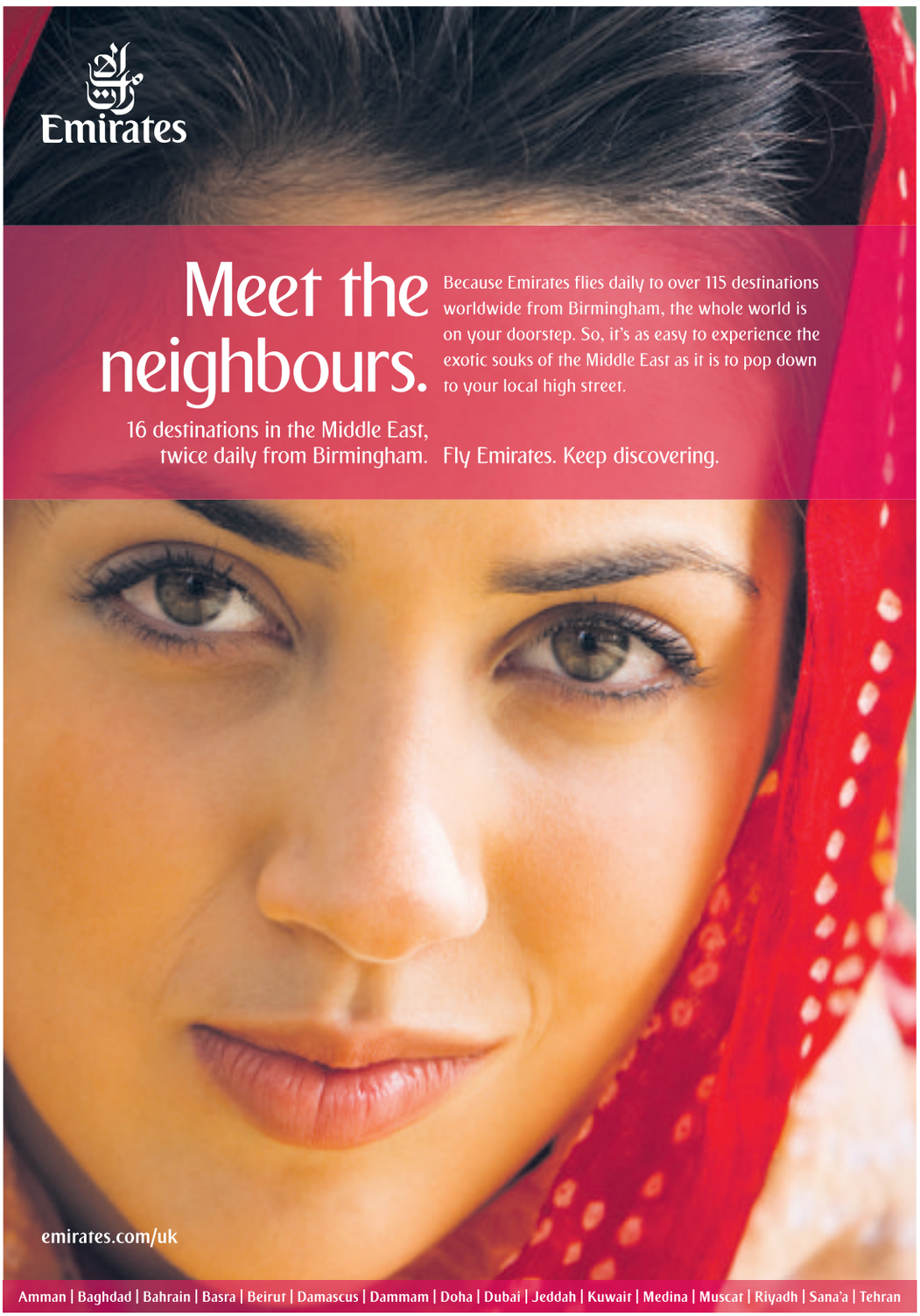

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Praise for tidy pond

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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DEDICATED volunteers brought a smile to children's faces after they spruced up a neglected pond and strip of land.

Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG) spent two mornings tending to the overlooked Stone Hill pond and land at Ashbrook School.

Pupils completed a special topic on Two Mile Ash to help make them aware of their environment and this clear-up has delighted them.

Lin Healey, geography teacher, said: "When our children saw the volunteers clearing up that land they were thrilled and asked to go out and say thank you."

Both projects have been met with high praise from members of Abbey Hill Parish Council and passers-by.

One team member, Pat Gray, said: "We were particularly delighted to receive the thanks of the Ashbrook teachers and children during playtime when they peered eagerly through and over the fence to see what was happening.

"One little girl said 'I hope you're enjoying it' and we replied with genuine enthusiasm that we were."

The group was working in partnership with the national environmental charity BTCV's Green Gym scheme, which provided most of the tools for the work, as well as taking the volunteers through warm up exercises to get them ready for the morning activities.

TMAEG chose to focus its efforts on the pond and adjacent land because it had become badly silted up over the years, as well as overshaded by vegetation.

Volunteers worked hard over the two mornings pruning low-growing cotoneasters, cutting down ash trees which were too big to dig out and pulling out weeds.

Organiser of the event, Chris Gossip, said "We are very pleased with the results.

"I think there will be many more leisure activities in the local area now the pond has been cleared.

"The community will enjoy having their pond back."

TMAEG hosts a number of events throughout the year with the next being a visit to the Materials Recycling Facility in Old Wolverton.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

For membership details contact Tom Gaunt on 01908 265201.

Clear out: Volunteers work on tidying up Stone Hill pond

Work to improve busy roundabout

ESSENTIAL improvements to the busy Denbigh roundabout in Bletchley are due to start next week.

From Monday the roundabout will be closed for five nights between 9pm and 6am while resurfacing work is carried out.

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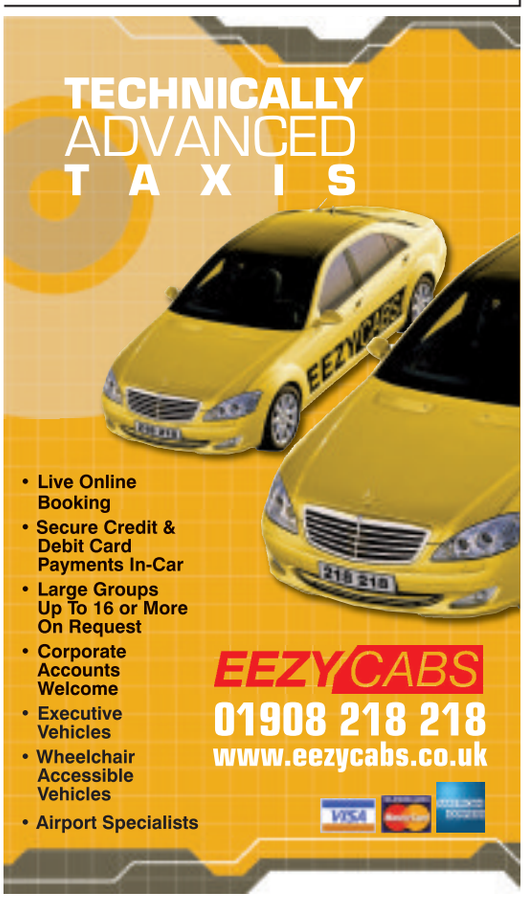

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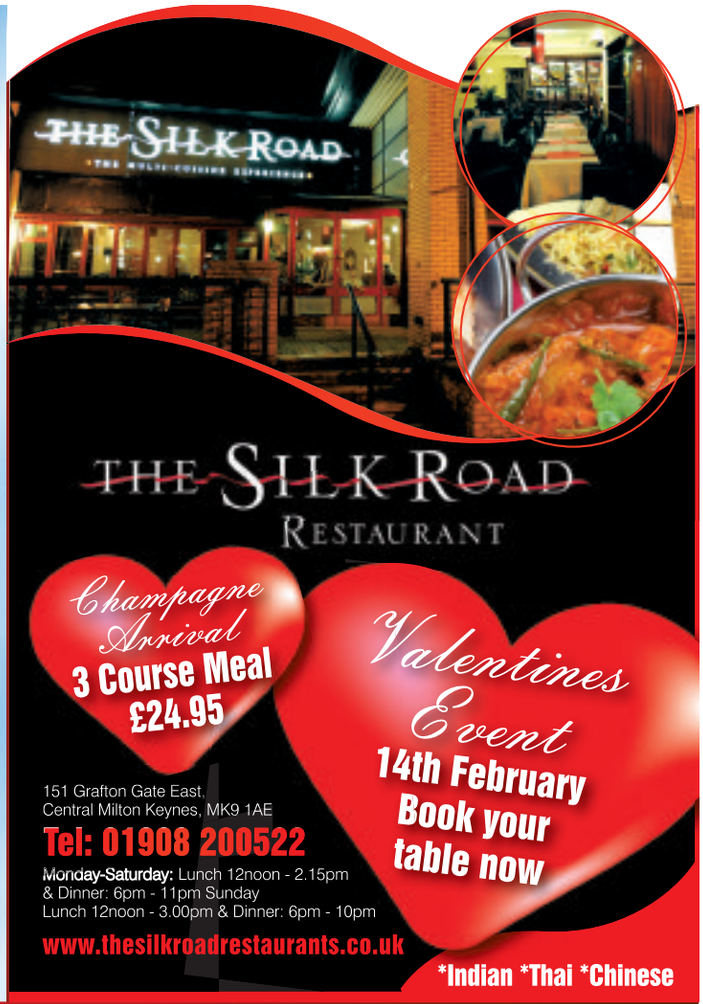

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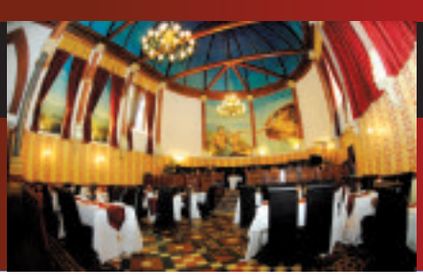

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Marcus Collins

YEAH, I know. You don't need to tell me. How dare he?

The White Stripes' songs are sacred, nobody should ever cover them, except Joss Stone maybe, but that's it.

To be fair, that is one way of looking at it, and if the person doing the covering happens to be a former X Factor contestant, well, it's common knowledge that the TV show has form when it comes to ruining classic songs.

This particular offering doesn't start off too promisingly either, however once the toy drum sounds are dispensed with in favour of something a little more realistic then all of a sudden, things change.

This has somehow ended up being far better than it has any right to have done.

The original version had passion, and this one has soul. Proper soul too, not something that was hurriedly cobbled together in a record company boardroom.

Marcus Collins and his session musicians have done exactly what everybody should do when they decide to do someone else's tunes; they've reworked and remodelled it into something they can call their own.

What's more, this is really, really good, and that's coming from someone who loves the original.

SPRAWL II (MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS)

Arcade Fire

I HOPE you're not expecting any negative reviews this week, because you won't be getting one.

Right then, with that out of the way you might be wondering why I like this song too.

If this had been released 25-30 years ago it would've achieved the rare feat of being a hit single long before it was actually written, but more importantly it would've fitted right in. See, this is an old-fashioned pop song, it's got a tune that does the verse-chorus-verse thing but isn't afraid to deviate from the recommended route.

Take the final minute, for example. The guitars finally appear on the scene and the tune takes on a slightly darker tone.

While I'm on the subject of time, it runs for over five minutes, confidently assuming that its listeners aren't going to get bored after three because that's supposedly how long a pop song should be.

Anyway, this is normally where I say what I think of the song, but I did that at the start. So I'll be off, then.

THE STABLES 01908 280800

THE boys are back in town - or at least the next best thing - when an award-winning Thin Lizzy tribute act comes to The Stables.

Named the world's number one Thin Lizzy tribute act and renowned for an action-packed explosion of a show, Limehouse Lizzy keep the spirit of rock icon Philip Lynott and his band alive, dominating stages worldwide.

Attention to detail and that all important X-factor feeling of witnessing the real thing have led to their performance being described as 'beyond tribute' by audiences and critics alike.

Expect more Celtic-influenced tracks like Whisky in the Jar and Black Rose among classic tracks such as The Boys are Back in Town, Sarah and many others from one of the most highly rated acts on the circuit.

The band promises to explore and celebrate the artistic and musical legacy of the hard-rocking, yet at times surprisingly tender and romantic Lynott.

This year's tour will be going across the UK, Ireland, Germany, France, Holland and Belgium.

It follows the enormous success of their 'Into the Limelight' 2008 tour, which travelled as far as a headline slot at the Rhodes Rock festival in Greece and the Virgin Atlantic Music festival in Barbados.

SNO!BAR

THIS month It's Comedy!, described as the best comedy club outside of London, returns to the city.

Another stellar line-up of top TV comedians will grace the stage, including Dan Evans, Andrew Doyle, David Morgan and headliner Ben Norris, *pictured left*, who has become a regular on the comedy circuit and has been seen on the panel of TV's Mock the Week, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and They Think It's All Over.

His sharp quips have given him a secure reputation amongst audiences and comedy peers alike.

Joining him this month is one of the 'funniest, sharpest, cruellest comedians out there, Andrew Doyle, as well as newcomer on the scene David Morgan.

Following his storming performances at last year's Edinburgh Fringe, David is quickly securing his status as one of the rising stars of comedy.

As one of our favourite comperes, the evening would not be complete without the whimsical quips of the hilarious Dan Evans.

Whether you're on a post-valentines date or just out to drown your single sorrows, all are welcome this month at It's Comedy.

Tickets for the event, on February 16 at 7pm, are £12 on the door, or £8 when booked at www.itscomedy.co.uk.

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NUTCRACKER!

Tuesday-Saturday, February 18

MATTHEW Bourne's New Adventures company is returning to Milton Keynes Theatre with their perpetually popular Nutcracker! to celebrate it's 20th anniversary.

One of the most popular productions ever staged in the UK, Nutcracker! is a delicious theatrical feast with family sized helpings of Matthew Bourne's trademark wit, pathos and magical fantasy.

Accompanied by Tchaicovsky's glorious score and Anthony Ward's unforgettable sets and costumes, Nutcracker! follows Clara's bittersweet journey from a hilariously bleak Christmas Eve at Dr Dross' Orphanage, through a shimmering ice-skating winter wonderland to the scrumptious candy kingdom of Sweetieland.

Returning to New Adventures in the role of Clara is Hannah Vassallo, who has recently completed two years in the West End production of Dirty Dancing playing the leading role of Baby.

Nutcracker! will be played by Chris Trenfield (The Swan in Swan Lake), Adam Maskell (The Angel in Cinderella) and Edwin Ray (The Pilot in Cinderella).

Sugar will be performed by Ashley Shaw, Sophia Hurdley and Chloe Wilkinson (all from the recent hit production of Cinderella) while her brother, Fritz, will be played by New Adventures favourite Dominic North (a record-breaking seven different productions with New Adventures since his debut in 2004) and Daniel Collins (Cinderella).

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FACE VALUE

Now-Tuesday, February 28

AN EXHIBITION of work by local photographer Anna Berry.

Anna's work is concerned with the nature of reality. It questions our assumptions about the world as we perceive it, asking 'what is this underneath?' and 'What is it really?'.

It explores whether conscious perceptions are in fact misinterpreted conceptions.

Face Value explores these ideas through two media – photography and sculpture. A series of dark portraits capture thoughts, emotions, or character traits leaking out from the subject's inner reality, contrasting with the consciously-controlled faces that they present to the outside world.

In some instances, these are outtakes from commercial projects, images which portray the subject very differently from how they would choose to be seen.

MK GALLERY

SCRATCH NIGHTS

Tomorrow, doors 6.45pm, first performance 7.15pm

THERE is live music from Felix and Ephemetry at the latest scratch night.

Felix is the musical project of classically trained Lucinda Chua (touring member of Stars of the Lid), guitarist Chris Summerlin (Lords, Kogumaza) and drummer Neil Turpin (Yann Tiersen, Bilge Pump).

Signed to independent Chicago label Kranky, they released their debut album You Are The One I Pick in 2009.

Felix have shared stages with the likes of Bill Callahan (Smog), Mick Turner (Dirty Three), Bat For Lashes and Owen Pallett.

This spring they will be touring North America to promote their new album, Oh Holy Molar.

Emphemetry is the musical guise of Richard 'Biff' Birkin, a musician from Derby and founder of Time Travel Opps.

Sometimes taking the form of intimate folk songs, instrumentals, piano pieces, audio tinkering or post-rock; the music is more often than not inspired by the quiet timelessness of a city at night and the reflections or flights of imagination that happens then and there.

For more information about this free event, call 01908 676900.

Felix and Ephemetry

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM: AVATAR (12A)

JAMES Cameron's Oscar winning sci-fi adventure has been chosen by exhibitor Daria Martin.

When his brother is killed in a robbery, paraplegic Marine Jake Sully decides to take his place in a mission on the distant world of Pandora.

There he learns of greedy corporate figurehead Parker Selfridge's intentions of driving off the native humanoid 'Na'vi' in order to mine for the precious material scattered throughout their rich woodland.

While Jake begins to bond with the native tribe and quickly falls in love with the beautiful alien Neytiri, the restless Colonel moves forward with his ruthless extermination tactics, forcing the soldier to take a stand - and fight back in an epic battle for the fate of Pandora.

Tickets to see the film, which starts at 6.30pm, cost £5, or £3 for concessions. Pre-book on 01908 676900.

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FILM REVIEW

THE MUPPETS (U)

Synopsis: The Muppets return with another adventure
Who's in it: Kermit, Miss Piggy, Fozzie

DON'T try and deny it, as deep down you know that you are a fan of the Muppets.

You might try to pretend that you are too old and mature for the comical antics of Kermit, Miss Piggy and friends but everybody is a big kid at heart.

It's far easier to sit back, chill out and enjoy the ride, as with these characters in tow the ride is always filled with delight.

Huge muppet fan Walter (Jason Linz) his brother Gary (Jason Segel) and Gary's girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams) face a race against time to raise the $10million to save the famous Muppet's Theatre from being bulldozed.

The man behind this sickening plan is stereotypical evil businessman Tex Richman (Chris Cooper), a money hungry swine who wants to remove the theatre to drill for oil.

This cause brings everyone in the muppet world together in a bid to raise the cash and along the way the film won't fail to bring a broad smile to your face.

It's packed full of chirpy and uplifting songs which raise the spirits of even the most gloomy of souls.

There is an enthusiastic energy to the Muppets which is hard to shake off and the jokes, although clearly silly, are charming and warming to the heart.

Also important is the nostalgia factor for adults who may have grown up watching the gang - it's great watching the film as none of the magic has been lost.

If you don't like the Muppets, you probably have a heart of stone.

9/10

THE WOMAN IN BLACK (12A)

Synopsis: Adaptation of the classic ghost story.
Who's in it: Ciaran Hinds, Daniel Radcliffe, Janet McTeer

WITH the Harry Potter films now at an end Daniel Radcliffe has had to find something else to do, and if he keeps appearing in good films like this one then he will have a fine career.

In a spooky version of the thriller novel, Radcliffe plays young lawyer Arthur Kipps who reluctantly leaves his son behind to travel to the north of England.

He leaves to settle the legal business of a woman who has just passed away, but discovers a terrifying village where parents are forced to barricade their children indoors.

This is good old-fashioned horror with no gimmicks or needless special effects, it's just simple stuff that will scare you silly.

7/10

PARK LIFE

THERE are hundreds of ways to enjoy the parks around Milton Keynes and whether your goal is to keep fit or simply have some fun, there's an option for everyone.

As well as its own events The Parks Trust has a wide range of partners who hold sporting events and activities for people of all ages and abilities.

Cycling has always been popular in Milton Keynes and, considering the extensive network of trails and redways, it is easy to see why. The Easy Riders programme, organised by the Cyclists Touring Club and Sustrans, offers bike rides through the parks for all ages and skill levels.

Enthusiastic map readers might want to try orienteering. A series of coloured posts dotted around Campbell Park, Willen Lake, and Ouzel Valley Park are part of a permanent orienteering course that is open to anyone who wants to try out the sport, or simply give a different purpose to their outing to the park. South Midlands Orienteering Club runs regular sessions to show you how to use a map while having fun in the parks.

The parks also provide some great opportunities to keep fit in the open air. At Campbell Park, Boot Camp promises a fresh approach to fitness with no two sessions being the same, whereas British Military Fitness utilises staff with an armed forces background to offer effective fitness classes for all ability groups. Freshfitmk also offer outdoor circuit training courses at Willen Lake.

Watersports such as sailing, canoeing, kayaking, power boat racing and windsurfing are all available at Willen Lake, with classes run by Whitecap Leisure.

If would like to join a club the Milton Keynes Canoe Club and the Milton Keynes Rowing Club both operate from Caldecotte Water Sports Centre and welcome new members.

Petanque, or boules, is becoming an increasingly attractive sport as players can compete on equal terms, whatever their age or physical ability. Bancroft Park Petanque Club plays three times a week on the Petanque Piste, provided free of charge by The Parks Trust, near the roman villa site at the top of the Loughton Valley, and welcomes anyone who would like to try the sport.

For more information on sports and activities in the parks, and details of how to get involved, visit www.theparkstrust.com.

COMPETITION

Fun for all the family: Join Twizzle and Twirl at 360 Play

THIS half-term why not join Twizzle and Twirl?

The delightful duo live at 360 Play in Knowlhill and are always looking forward to making new friends.

For people living in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area looking for active and fulfilling things to do with their children, 360 is the place to go - whatever the weather.

It provides the setting so your child's imagination can write the script - they can get involved in anything from physical activity, role play, dressing up, interactive games, a construction area and outdoor fun.

Your kids can explore, among other fun and exciting things, The Playframe - a huge adventure play area designed by experts and divided into specialist ability zones with play products individually selected to enhance and develop children's motor and cognitive skills while having fun.

So go along, relax, and enjoy playtime with your children. And to help you do this, MK NEWS has teamed up with 360 to offer ten family passes, for two adults and two children.

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question:

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A) Drizzle B) Twizzle C) Sizzle

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CHAMBER of Commerce open door event. Pop in for a coffee and a chat to see what the MK Chamber can do for you. Between 9.30 and 11.30am at The Hub, 9 Rillaton Walk.

FRIDAY

YOGA relaxation and stretch at St Michael's Church, OU Campus, 6-7.30pm. For more information call 01908 218915, or email hypnomk@googlemail.co.uk.

SATURDAY

BE YOURSELF in 2012, The Well at Willen. A one-day personal development course to grow your confidence and self-esteem and bring your projects to fruition. From 10am-7pm, email delia@counsellingmk.com for more.

RHYTHM & Roots, White Horse, Stony Stratford. A four-piece band performing reggae, soul and motown. Free, 9-11pm.

ST MARY and St Giles Church, Stony Stratford. Musical coffee morning, 10am to 12.30pm.

CITY Orchestra, Mozart Plus, Stantonbury Theatre. A night of Mozart and friends. Conductor Hilary Davan Wetton brings you Mozart's Flute Concerto no. two, K. 314 in D major, with soloist Ileana Ruhemann. Tickets £20, 7.30pm, call 01908 558311.

THE Big Ring Pull, Middleton Hall, thecentre:mk. Have a go at bell-ringing. All day.

SUNDAY

HULA Animal Rescue's Valentine's Open Day, Salford Road, Aspley Guise. Charity bazaar and book sale, fun and games for the children. Meet rescued pets and farm animals. Cost £2 adults, accompanied children free. From 1.30-3pm, more details from 01908 584000.

MK RAMBLERS' eight-mile circular walk around Woburn country park and village. Meet 10am in Woburn car park (GR SP951332) opposite St Mary's church, bring refreshments as required. No dogs please. More details from 01908 670973.

MONDAY

JOHN Bly presents The Age of Victoria and the Great Exhibition of 1851 at Woburn Abbey Antiques Centre. Learn about the origin and influences it had on the English home with the BBC Antique's Roadshow expert. From 10.30am to 1.30pm, £22.50, book on 01525 290333.

JUNIOR race school, Daytona MK race-track. The perfect activity for youngsters interested in karting. For more information call 0845 644 5503. Runs until Wednesday.

TUESDAY

WEST Bletchley Garden Club, talk by Nicky Saunders from The Parks Trust on their activities. Freeman Memorial Methodist Church Hall, Buckingham Road, Bletchley, 7.45pm. Members £1.50, non-members £3.50.

BREAKFAST at Tiffany's. Showing of the classic film at The Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford. Starts 7pm, tickets from stonyscalafilm@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY

OPEN Film Society, Blue Valentine. Shifting between the past and the present, this charming and tragic film takes a raw look at a turbulent relationship. Showing at 6.15 and 8.45pm, Old Lecture Theatre, OU. More information from www.openfilmsociety.co.uk.

OPEN mic night at The Craufurd Arms, Wolverton. Hosted by Sean Grant. Acoustic night, open to all, 8pm-midnight.

YOGA Meditation, chanting and relaxation at Portfields Community Centre, Wordsworth Avenue, Newport Pagnell, 8-9pm. More from 01908 218915, or email hypnomk@googlemail.com.

HALF-TERM FUN

PARKS TRUST

ALL OF A TWITTER

Tuesday, Ouse Valley Park, 10am-noon

JOIN the rangers for a school holiday event dedicated to finding out about our feathered friends. Get ready to make bird feeders and learn how to identify different types of birds.

ROCKING ROCKS AND FOSSIL FINDING

Thursday, February 16, Stonepit Field, 10am-noon

A HALF-TERM event with a geological twist. Learn more about the formation of rocks, build a volcano and hunt for some fascinating fossils.

BOOKING for both events is essential. Costs £3 per child for each, order tickets at the www.theparkstrust.com.

BUSZY

THERE'S loads going on for youngsters at the Buszy during the half-term holiday.

A packed schedule full of activities is in the diary for Monday to Friday and there is sure to be something to suit all tastes.

Skateboarding, a glee club, photography, animation, street dance, arts and crafts, hair and beauty, cooking, graffiti sessions and zumba will all be taking place to keep those who are off school occupied.

It's all part of the make a difference scheme for half-term and different sessions are tailored for different age groups.

On Friday a party will round off the week between 4 and 6pm.

There will be music, disco lights and a showcase of all the achievements and amazing work produced over the week.

Later in the evening, between 7 and 10pm, is the U18 open-mic night The Attic Unplugged, which takes place on the third Friday of every month.

This time it's a charity gig raising money for Project Trust and special guest headliners will be joining the usual open mic crowd. All young singers/musicians/poets are welcome to take to the stage and a second room will host DJs.

For full details and for times and prices of all the events visit www.thebuszy.com.

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CHILDREN can get creative and decorate a bird glider of their choice, then make their very own bird food mix, ready to take home in a fantastic bird seed feeder.

The activity lasts approximately 25 minutes and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Turn up anytime between 10 and 4pm, throughout half-term week.

Booking is not required, however tickets can be bought at the customer service desk or online at www.frostsgroup.com. Costs £2.99 per child.

STREET GAMES, WOUGHTON LEISURE CENTRE

COME and take part in a fun-filled half-term day where you can try a number of different sports including boxing, football, korfball, water rowers, street dance, dodgeball, basketball and more.

All will be showcased by a number of organisations across the city.

From 10.45am-3.30pm, for ages 13 to 19. Costs £1.

For more information, or to pre-register, call Emily Smith on 01908 254164.

SNO!ZONE

THE Land of Oz visits SNO!zone in CMK this half-term.

Join Dorothy and get creative by making some hearts for the tin man in the arts and crafts area, and kids can also play in the 'somewhere over the rainbow' children's area.

There is also sledging and an ice slide that the whole family can enjoy.

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Moulsoe | Newport Pagnell
Buckinghamshire | MK16 0HB

An Outstanding Reputation

For those of our readers who are not already aware The Carrington Arms has an outstanding reputation for serving some of the best restaurant and bar food in the Milton Keynes area. This is reflected by the Carrington Arms being nominated for best restaurant, best chef and best waiting staff in this year's MK Food Awards. The Carrington Arms is a family run country inn located in Moulsoe only 3 miles from Milton Keynes and 1 mile from Junction 14 of the M1, near the market town of Newport Pagnell. The Carrington Arms offers an exciting modern British a'la carte menu including a number of retro inspired dishes. The new seasonal menu includes a range of innovatively reworked classics including Cheese Fondue, Chicken in Wine (Coq au Vin to you and me) and Duck a' la Duck a' la Duck (Duck three ways).

The retro inspired dishes have become a very popular concept, which has impressed critics and customers alike. Never before has such a stir been caused by Beans on Toast.
The Carrington Arms has also gained a reputation for its award winning steaks ordered by weight from a butcher's counter and cooked in an open kitchen. The owners and chefs are proud of the local meats that they use including beef, game and poultry supplied by Woburn Country Foods, who source their produce exclusively from local farms in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.
The Carrington Arms is a comfortable and inviting venue and does not just serve excellent restaurant standard food. It also offers a 'Through the Day' Bar Menu. Perfect for lunchtime, relaxing afternoons and casual dining. The bar menu features British 'Tidbits and Sharing Platters', a large selection of Gourmet Burgers using the same Bedfordshire Beef from their counter together with traditional pub favourites. The bar features local real ales including those from micro-breweries in Cranfield, Olney and Silverstone.

15% OFF EARLY EVENING DISCOUNT
For tables booked for 4:30pm -6:30pm (Mon-Fri)
Not valid with any other offer. Expires 31/03/12

FREE GOURMET BURGER
Buy one gourmet burger and get one free
Not valid with any other offer. Expires 31/03/12

½ PRICE CORNISH OYSTERS
Not valid with any other offer Expires 31/03/12 Subject to availability

25% OFF SUNDAY ROAST JOINT
Minimum of 4 diners
Order must be placed by the previous Thursday.
The price reduction applies to the main course only.To be redeemed by 12/03/12 .

The World is your Oyster

The Carrington Arms, for many years, had a local reputation for serving oysters. The current owners have reintroduced oysters and are sourcing the finest Cornish Oysters from their fish suppliers in Brixham, Devon. The oysters are delivered daily direct from the local coastline and shipped direct to the Carrington Arms. The Carrington Arms chefs serve the oysters as Oysters Kilpatrick and this is proving very popular. If you would like to try oysters for the first time then why not use the voucher attached to this article. On Fridays and Sundays from 5pm oysters are served with Half Price House Champagne. The Carrington Arms orders the oysters fresh from Brixham daily, so it is strongly recommended that you order in advance to avoid disappointment as supply is limited.

Give mum a Sunday lunch off

The Carrington Arms have introduced another innovative idea for a Sunday lunch based on a traditional family Sunday roast joint, without the hours of slaving in the kitchen followed by the inevitable washing up. For tables of 4 or more their chefs will prepare an individual joint of meat which you can carve if you wish or if you prefer the joint can be carved for you at your table. The roasted joint comes with all the trimmings and bowls of vegetables just as you would expect at home. This certainly offers something different to other restaurants in Milton Keynes and the surrounding villages. Choices include Bedfordshire 21 Day Aged Sirloin of Beef, Duck Lane Farm - Cardington Whole Chicken, Woburn Estate Red Deer Venison Haunch Roast and South Bedfordshire Pork Loin. As the roasted joints are cooked for individual tables a pre-order is necessary.

Fast Track Lunch

For those who need a quick lunch the 'Through the Day Menu' is available for pre-order Monday to Friday.

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Loughton

STYLISH and contemporary are just two of the words to describe this great family home, located within Loughton - one of Milton Keynes' premier areas.

The Rectory in Pitcher Lane occupies a non-estate position on the edge of the original village and has views over the churchyard.

The approach to the property is via a single lane leading to the stone walled frontage and access is gained via a powered gate.

Within walking distance of the main line station but with a country feel, this is an ideal purchase for the rail commuter.

To view this versatile home, which is on the market for £875,000, or to discuss this property further, please call the executive homes team.

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- Landscaped and private gardens
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- Two en suites

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- Good School Catchment Area
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Open plan living area
Rear court garden

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36ft Lounge/Dining/Study Room
High Vaulted Ceilings
Exposed Beams Throughout
Five Bedrooms
Off Road Parking

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Four bedroom
Detached property
Approximately 1/4 of an acre
Detached two bedroom annex
Two storey detached barn

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Furzton OIEO £410,000

Five Bedroom Detached
Cul-de-Sac Location
Generous Private Driveway
Glorious Landscaped Gardens
19ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
Double Garage

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Emerson Valley

- Delightful Family Home
- 'The Garden of the Year'
- Overlooking Greenery
- Four Bedrooms
- Utility, Cloakroom & Study
- Double Garage

OIEO £375,000

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Walton Park

- Four Bedroom Detached
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- Balcony
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
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Pennyland

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- Four Bed Detached
- Cul De Sac Location
- Private Mooring
- Ensuite to Master
- Beautiful Views
- Double Garage

£475,000

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Stylish and contemporary are just two of the words to describe this great family home, Located within Loughton one of Milton Keynes Premier areas.

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen and Utility Room
- En suite and Dressing Area

£875,000

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- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Off Road Parking and Single Garage

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- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Front & Rear Garden

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Stantonbury **£142,500**
- Three Bedrooms
- End of Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Conservatory
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- No Chain

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- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Good Location

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- Four bedroom home
- Vacant possession
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Gardens
- Off road parking

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- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens

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- Ensuite
- Rear Garden
- Garage

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Old Farm Park — **£254,995**

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- Sought after location
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- Conservatory
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Ensuite

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Fishermead — **OIEO £125,000**

- Deceptively Spacious
- Three Storey
- Town House
- Three Bedrooms
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- No Upper Chain

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Broughton — **OIEO £300,000**

- Link detached property
- Four bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- En suite to master
- Rear garden

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Kents Hill — **£315,000**

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- Off Road Parking

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Beanhill — **Offers Over £110,000**

- Two bedrooms
- Terraced
- Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing

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Great Linford — **£175,000**

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Garage

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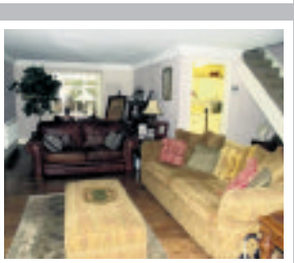

Bolbeck Park — **£310,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Detached
- En-suite to Master
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Double Glazing

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Simpson — **£265,000**

- Character Property
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- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Large Rear Garden

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Pennyland — **OIEO £225,000**

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Refitted Kitchen
- Double glazing
- Tandem Length Garage

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Bolbeck Park — **£180,000**

- Semi Detached
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage

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Broughton — **£140,000**

- Ground Floor Flat
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Garden Space
- Allocated Parking

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- Allocated parking
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- Exceptionally well presented
- Two double Bedroom
- Couch House
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Off road parking & Garage
- Double glazing

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Wavendon Gate **£340,000**
- Four Bed Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Ensuite
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Dining room
- Double Garage
- Good access to M1 Motorway

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Monkston Park **£200,000**
- Three double Bedroom
- Executive Apartment
- Fully fitted Kitchen
- Ensuite to Master
- No upper chain
- Allocated parking

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- Semi-detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage

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Woburn Sands **£300,000**
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Walking distance to High St.
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Sun room
- Gardens, Driveway & Garage
- Village location

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Shenley Brook End **£228,000**
- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Crown Hill **Guide £180,000**
- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Corner plot
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Front & rear Gardens

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Shenley Brook End **£285,000**
- Four Bed Detached
- Popular Residential location
- Ensuite to Master
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- Separate Reception rooms

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- Detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Ensuite to Master
- Integral Garage

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Emerson Valley **£300,000**
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Tattenhoe **£225,000**
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- Cloakroom
- En Suite To Master
- Gardens and Garage

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Tattenhoe **£210,000**
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- Semi-detached
- Re-fitted downstairs Cloakroom
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- No upper chain

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- Exceptionally presented
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- Countryside views
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Three reception rooms
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OIEO £162,500
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
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- Generous rear Garden
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Greenleys **Guide £140,000**
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- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Dining room
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- Front & rear Gardens

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- No upper chain
- Three Receptions rooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens & off road parking

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Stony Stratford **OIEO £150,000**
- Recent refurbishment
- Three Bed Semi-detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Front & rear Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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Greenleys **£125,000**
- Mid-terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Double glazing
- Study
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Cloakroom

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New Bradwell **Guide £135,000**
- Well presented & re-furbished
- Victorian Terraced
- Three double Bedrooms
- New boiler & carpets
- Many original features
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Fullers Slade **Guide £165,000**
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- Open plan Living area
- Conservatory
- Gardens
- Garage

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- Master with built in wardrobe
- Rear Garden
- Double glazing

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- Four Bed Detached
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Study or Office
- Lounge
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Hartwell **£160,000**
- Three Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
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- Front & rear Gardens

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- Kitchen With Built In Oven And Hob
- Allocated Off Road Parking
-

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- Village Location
- Stunning Vaulted Ceilings
- Converted Schoolhouse
- Wealth of Features
- Two En suites
- Viewing is a Must

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- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

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Emberton £189,950

- Three Bedroom Property
- Stunning Views
- Sought After Location
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Allocated Parking

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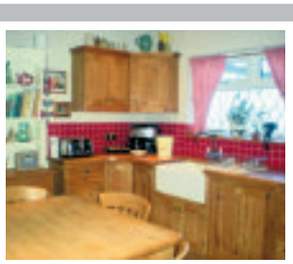

Hardmead £215,000

- Three Bed Terraced
- Study
- Utility/Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Bozeat £199,995

- Three Bedroom Detached Bunaglow
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Study
- Refurbished throughout
- NO UPPER CHAIN

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Newport Pagnell £170,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge And Dining Room
- Kitchen And Utility
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Integral Garage

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Newport Pagnell O.I.E.O £160,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Terrace
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Garage to Rear
- Walking Distance to High Street

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- Extended
- Five Bed Family Home
- Three Receptions
- Separate Annexe
- Front & Rear Gardens
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Olney £160,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Off Road parking
- No Upper Chain
- Double Glazed

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- Rear Garden & off road parking

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Bletchley £250,000
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- Three storey Town House
- Off road parking & Garage
- Two Ensuites
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Landscaped rear Garden

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Bletchley OIEO £139,000
- Semi Detached
- Victorian Style House
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upper Chain
- Close to Town Centre
- Must be Viewed

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Counties Estate £149,995
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- Dining room
- Conservatory
- Enclosed rear Garden
- Off road parking

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- Three/Four Bedrooms
- River's Estate
- 24ft Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite
- Gardens & Driveway

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Furzton £325,000
- Four Bed Detached
- Corner Plot
- Separate Reception rooms
- Open plan Kitchen & Utility
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Garage

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- Three Bedrooms
- Mid-terrace
- Low maintenance Garden
- Lounge/Dining room
- Double glazing
- Radiator heating

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Bletchley Offers Over £145,000
- Three double Bedroom
- Semi-detached
- Character Property
- Separate Reception rooms
- Front & rear Gardens
- Highly sought after location

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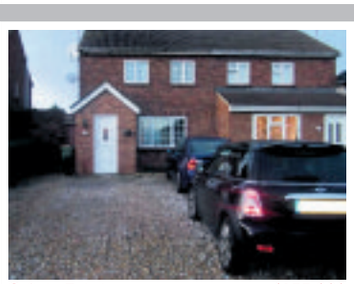

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Canalside £175,000

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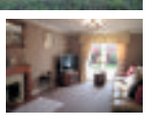

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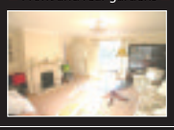
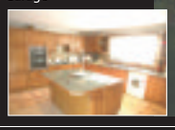

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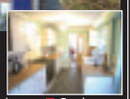

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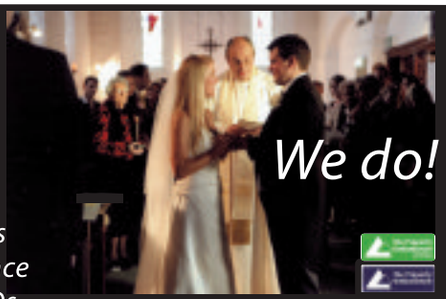

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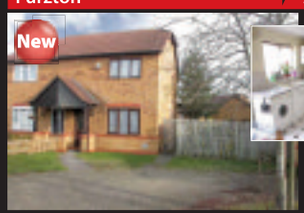

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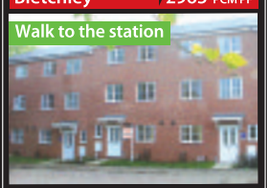

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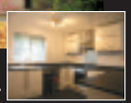

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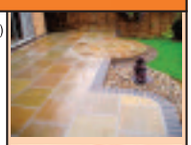

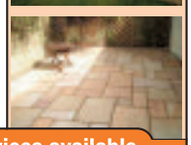

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THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst works are carried out to install traffic signals at Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout.

The works are expected to take place over 6 months beginning on or after Monday 5 March 2012.

The effect of the Order would be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit on the A5 between points 1700 metres north and 1700 metres south of its junctions with the A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, including the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout.

The temporary mandatory speed limit would not apply to emergency service and special forces vehicles.

The Order would come into force on 27 February 2012 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Andy Shilliday at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning him on 01234 796197.

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, can be submitted electronically via our public access system at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/publicaccess by email to businesssupportreports@milton-keynes.gov.uk or in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
11/02735/FUL	Replacement of existing windows and door at 55 Green Lane, Wolverton.
12/00036/FUL	Erection of a first floor rear extension and garage conversion at Canal Cottage, The Wharf, Great Linford.
12/00067/TNOT	Notification of installation of 1 X BT DSLAM cabinet at Pavement opposite No.16, Church Street, Stony Stratford.
12/00146/FUL	Erection of two bedroom dwelling at 2 Market Square, Stony Stratford.
12/00166/FUL	Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission 09/00093/FUL in order to extend the time limit for implementation for the change of use from allotments to graveyard at land adjacent to the graveyard, Pitcher Lane, Loughton.
12/00205/FUL	Variation of condition 5 pursuant to planning permission 10/01910/FUL to extend the opening hours of Camerons Brasserie for Sundays and Bank Holidays to operate from 10:00am to 9:00pm at 62 High Street, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/00179/LBC	Listed building consent for the installation of structural tie bars within the existing roof area at Masonic Hall, New Street, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
12/00137/LBC	Listed building consent for work to first floor rear bedroom; remove 2 x existing wooden sash windows, brick up opening, point external brickwork and re-paint to match exterior. Create new 2 x window openings and install windows previously removed, install new lintels, paint and make good external brickwork to match existing at Simpson House, 167 Simpson Road, Simpson.
	AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING
11/02772/FUL	Conversion, renovation and rebuilding of existing stable block to form 3 residential units (retrospective) at Dollars Grove Farm, East End, North Crawley.

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (KENSINGTON DRIVE CAR PARK, GREAT HOLM) (ONE WAY TRAFFIC) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 8 February 2012 made the above Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order affects the car park along Kensington Drive, Great Holm, Milton Keynes and will come into operation on 10 February 2012. The effect of the Order is to introduce on a permanent basis the following restriction, which took effect experimentally on 11 February 2011:-

The introduction of a one-way traffic flow system within Kensington Drive car park at Great Holm, Milton Keynes.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for Emergency Service vehicles and Military vehicles.

A copy of the Order as made including a map indicating the location and its effect, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be seen at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day and also at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes during normal operating hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 8 February 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (BOW BRICKHILL LEVEL CROSSING, V10 BRICKHILL STREET) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 8th February 2012, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along that part of the V10 Brickhill Street that runs for a distance of 75 metres either side of the railway level crossing at Bow Brickhill Station, Milton Keynes.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure is necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely remedial works to the level crossing including the renewal of road panels. It is anticipated the temporary closure will commence from 11.00pm on Saturday 11th February 2012 until 3.00am on Monday 13th February 2012. The road will open sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

The alternative route for northbound traffic will be to proceed in a southerly direction along the V10 Brickhill Street then north on the A5D then east along the A4146 H10 Bletcham Way, then south along V10 Brickhill Street. Southbound traffic will be vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on the 11th February 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 8 February 2012
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ARDWELL LANE (PART) GREENLEYS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 8th February 2012, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along the following lengths of Ardwell Lane, Greenleys as follows:-

Phase 1 – That length of Ardwell Lane, Greenleys, from its junction with Catchpole Close to its junction with Harvester Close.
The alternative route for traffic will be to proceed via Ardwell Lane, Ridgeway, Great Monks Street, Field Lane and Ardwell Lane.

Phase 2 – That length of Ardwell Lane, Greenleys, from its junction with Harvester Close to its junction with Field Lane.
The alternative route for traffic will be via Ardwell Lane, Field Lane, Great Monks Street, Ridgeway and Ardwell Lane.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, remedial works to the two existing speed humps.

It is anticipated that the temporary road closures will come into effect from Monday 13th February 2012 until Sunday 19th February 2012, inclusive. The closure will commence with Phase 1 and Phase 2 will follow after the completion of Phase 1. The road may reopen sooner if the works are completed ahead of schedule.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on 13th February 2012 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 8 February 2012
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME CURRIER DRIVE AND TOWER DRIVE, NEATH HILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes propose under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 to alter an existing speed hump located on Currier Drive, Neath Hill and construct an additional traffic calming measure consisting of a table top hump, to be located on Currier Drive at its junction with Tower Drive, Neath Hill. The existing speed hump will be reduced in size to accommodate the installation of a new parking lay-by. It will be constructed with a bituminous material or similar and will have a central lift of 75 millimetres. The hump will have a width of 5.5 metres across the carriageway and will measure 6.4 metres in length overall. The measurements given are in the direction of travel. The proposed table top hump will be constructed with a bituminous material or similar and will have a central lift of 75 millimetres. The hump will extend across the width of both carriageways on Currier Drive and Tower Drive and its overall length measurements will be 21.6 metres in a south-west to north-east direction and 14.2 metres in a north-west to south-east direction.

The reduced speed hump will be located on Currier Drive, Neath Hill, from a point approximately 82.4 metres north-east of the centreline of the junction with Tower Drive and continuing for a distance of approximately 6.4 metres in a north-easterly direction.

The proposed table top hump will be located at the junction of Currier Drive with Tower Drive, Neath Hill, from a point on Currier Drive approximately 43.3 metres north-east of the junction with V8 Marlborough Street and continuing for a distance of 21.6 metres in a north-easterly direction and from a point on Tower Drive approximately 85.7 metres south-east of the junction with the centreline of Lanthorn Close continuing for a distance of 14.2 metres in a southerly direction.

A copy of the scheme plan showing the affected roads may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, during normal opening hours.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, **must be made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 29th February 2012 quoting reference WL/P&E/004654/TCS/1869.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law and Governance 8 February 2012
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, NEATH HILL) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2012
THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, NEATH HILL) (RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING AREA) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make two Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along some lengths of Currier Drive, Coopers Mews, Vintners Mews, Tower Drive and Lanthorn Close, Neath Hill.

The introduction of limited waiting restrictions, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8.15am and 9.15am and between 2.30pm and 3.30pm for a maximum period of 15 minutes, no return within 1 hour, in some lengths of Currier Drive, Neath Hill adjacent to St Monica's School.

The introduction of a residents permit parking area within various roads in Neath Hill, Milton Keynes, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident's permit, visitor's permit or carer's permit operational the whole 24 hours of every day, in the entire lengths of Coopers Mews and Vintners Mews, Neath Hill.

The introduction of resident's permits, visitor's permits and carer's permits for use within the roads located within the permit parking area at Neath Hill, Milton Keynes. There will be no charge for the issue of these permits.

All motor vehicles are affected by the proposed Residents Permit Parking Area Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

The classes of vehicle affected by the proposed Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the proposed Orders include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 29th February 2012 quoting reference WL/P&E/004625/004655/TRO/1864/1870.

8th February 2012

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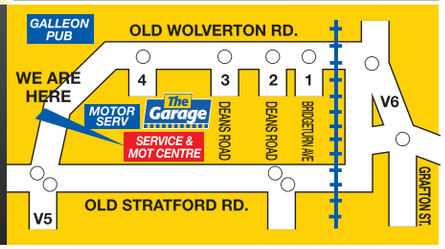

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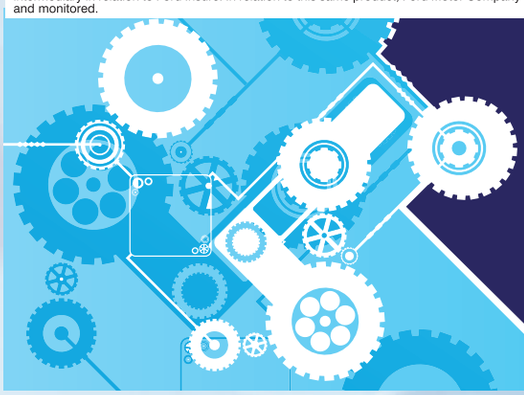

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AUG 13 EXETER (A)	W	2-0
AUG 16 YEOVIL (A)	W	1-0
AUG 20 CHESTERFIELD (H)	W	6-2
AUG 23 NORWICH (A) CC2	W	4-0
AUG 27 STEVENAGE (H)	W	1-0
AUG 30 BRENTFORD (H) JPT1	D	3-3
(BRENTFORD WON 4-3 ON PENS)		
SEP 3 CARLISLE (A)	W	3-1
SEP 10 SHEFF WED (A)	L	3-1
SEP 17 HUDDERSFIELD (H)	D	1-1
SEP 20 BURNLEY (A) CC3	L	2-1
SEP 24 BURY (A)	D	0-0
SEP 27 CHARLTON (H)	D	1-1
OCT 1 NOTTS COUNTY (H)	W	3-0
OCT 10 OLDHAM (A)	L	2-1
OCT 15 BOURNEMOUTH (H)	D	2-2
OCT 22 SCUNTHORPE (H)	D	0-0
OCT 25 SHEFF UTD (A)	L	2-1
OCT 29 WALSALL (A)	W	2-0
NOV 5 ROCHDALE (H)	W	3-1
NOV 12 NANTWICH (H) FAC1	W	6-0
NOV 19 COLCHESTER (A)	W	5-1
NOV 26 WYCOMBE (H)	W	4-3
DEC 3 BARNET (A) FAC2	W	3-1
DEC 10 TRANMERE (A)	W	2-0
DEC 17 PRESTON (H)	L	1-0
DEC 26 LEYTON ORIENT (A)	W	3-0
DEC 31 BRENTFORD (A)	D	3-3
JAN 2 COLCHESTER (H)	W	1-0
JAN 7 QPR (H) FAC3	D	1-1
JAN 17 QPR (A) FAC3R	L	1-0
JAN 21 NOTTS COUNTY (A)	D	1-1
JAN 24 STEVENAGE (A)	L	4-2
JAN 31 SHEFF WED (H)	D	1-1
FEB 4 HUDDERSFIELD (A)	D	1-1
FEB 11 BURY (H)		
FEB 14 CHARLTON (A)		
FEB 18 OLDHAM (H)		
FEB 25 BOURNEMOUTH (A)		
MAR 3 HARTLEPOOL (A)		
MAR 6 YEOVIL (H)		
MAR 10 EXETER (H)		
MAR 17 CHESTERFIELD (A)		
MAR 20 LEYTON ORIENT (H)		
MAR 27 CARLISLE (H)		
MAR 24 WYCOMBE (A)		
MAR 31 BRENTFORD (H)		
APR 7 PRESTON (A)		
APR 9 TRANMERE (H)		
APR 14 SCUNTHORPE (A)		
APR 21 SHEFF UTD (H)		
APR 28 ROCHDALE (A)		
MAY 5 WALSALL (H)		

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SPORTSHORTS

SAILING

CITY sailor Alistair Goodwin triumphed in the first Esso Laser 4.7 winter championship at Dachet Water near Heathrow.

The 16-year-old won five out of the six races in strong winds of up to 28 knots on the first day of the event, and then completed a series of six races in similar blustery conditions on day two.

In total there were more than 50 entrants taking part so it was an excellent result for the teenager who learned to sail at Willen Lake four years ago.

He has been racing competitively for two years and is considered one of the country's best prospects in the laser class.

However, sponsorship for the sport is a must so Alistair is appealing for individuals and companies interested to e-mail dan.palmer@mk-news.co.uk.

ATHLETICS

MK ATHLETICS club sprinter Kadi-Ann Thomas managed identical times in her 60m heat and semi-final at the Birmingham Indoor Games.

She finished third and fifth respectively in 7.68s.

Meanwhile, Chris Clarke twice beat Matthew Threadgold in Loughborough, with times of 6.83s on both runs, a new personal best.

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

THE hardest thing about the cold weather is training as we're having to do a lot of it indoors, it's been very difficult to train anywhere else.

We want to be outdoors and the cold doesn't bother us at all, it's just a case of the pitch being too hard.

When I used to play the game would usually go on regardless, and it was good to see some of the games on TV where there was snow, it always made the match more exciting.

I remember playing at Carlisle in thick snow when you'd roll the ball and it would be like a big snowball getting bigger and bigger.

For some reason they never put games off, they would just keep re-doing the lines and play with an orange ball.

I think things have changed now though and you have to move with the times.

Players cost so much money, and they would have still cost money back then, but there isn't the health and safety there is now.

At Huddersfield on Saturday the pitch was in great condition, which was a bit of a surprise given the cold weather.

I don't feel the cold on the touchline, as I'm used to it by now, but the coach journey back after the game was a long one.

We were just happy to get back in that weather, the journey took about four or five hours.

It was a good performance in the end but in the first half we were our own worst enemy.

There were individual errors which gave them chances, and they're a good team.

I thought we were a bit unlucky to lose a goal on half-time, it would have been nice to go in at 0-0.

And you can say what you like about Stephen's free-kick but I thought we deserved our equaliser.

We were really pleased with new right-back James Tavernier, he had an outstanding first game for somebody who had just joined us.

After losing someone like Adam Smith, to replace him with someone very similar is excellent.

Next up are Bury who are a tough team currently in a good, comfortable position in the league.

It was a hard game up there, but we need the three points and that will be the aim.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	28	8	5	0	28	9	11	2	2	25	11	33	64
2	Sheffield Wed	29	10	3	1	29	14	7	3	5	24	23	16	57
3	Huddersfield	29	9	5	1	26	14	5	8	1	31	15	28	55
4	Sheffield Utd	27	10	2	2	33	16	6	3	4	19	12	24	53
5	MK DONS	28	6	6	1	25	14	7	4	4	28	18	21	49
6	Stevenage	27	6	4	3	21	14	6	5	3	22	11	18	45
7	Carlisle	28	7	4	3	26	23	5	5	4	17	21	-1	45
8	Brentford	28	5	5	5	22	20	5	5	3	16	15	3	40
9	Bournemouth	28	5	2	6	14	17	6	5	4	21	18	0	40
10	Bury	28	5	3	5	17	20	6	2	7	19	25	-9	38
11	Notts County	28	6	5	2	23	15	4	2	9	20	25	3	37
12	Hartlepool	28	4	2	8	14	16	6	5	3	22	20	0	37
13	Colchester	27	5	5	4	24	25	4	4	5	13	16	-4	36
14	Preston	28	5	3	6	23	28	5	3	6	18	20	-7	36
15	Leyton Orient	28	4	4	7	14	20	5	4	4	16	19	-9	35
16	Oldham	26	5	3	5	16	16	3	5	5	16	21	-5	32
17	Tranmere	29	5	7	3	14	11	3	1	10	16	25	-6	32
18	Yeovil Town	29	5	2	8	19	25	1	7	6	14	23	-15	27
19	Exeter City	28	4	5	5	13	15	2	4	8	11	25	-16	27
20	Wycombe	29	5	2	8	19	25	2	3	9	18	30	-18	26
21	Walsall	28	3	6	6	14	19	1	7	5	12	15	-8	25
22	Scunthorpe	27	2	6	6	20	26	2	7	4	14	17	-9	25
23	Rochdale	28	3	6	5	17	22	2	3	9	10	27	-22	24
24	Chesterfield	29	3	5	6	14	18	2	3	10	20	33	-17	23

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 1 DONS 1

Dons celebrate Stephen Gleeson's goal

Gleeson earns a point

THE footballing cliche 'it's a game of two halves' is perhaps wheeled out too often but that was very much the case for Dons at a freezing Galpharm Stadium on Saturday.

After last Tuesday night's 1-1 draw against Sheffield Wednesday this was the second match against a near promotion rival in five days – and the score was exactly the same.

Huddersfield, boosted now that the transfer window has passed without lethal striker Jordan Rhodes leaving, flew out of the traps and started the game much stronger.

Dons were not allowed any time on the ball as home players exerted pressure at every opportunity and as a result loose passes started to creep into play.

The Terriers seemed to be enjoying an abundance of space and there were nervy incidents in the visiting penalty box.

Rhodes headed over from close range and a superb challenge from Gary MacKenzie was required to stop the advancing Scott Arfield.

Keeper David Martin also needed to produce a fine diving stop to keep out Jack Hunt's effort, which was made more difficult as defender Shaun Williams got a touch on it.

The Dons passing game did not click into gear until the final stages of the half but just as Karl Robinson's side looked to bring themselves back into contention they were hit with a sucker punch.

With just seconds left until the break Darren Potter conceded a free-kick in the middle of the park which looked especially soft.

It was swept out to Kallum Higginbotham who dinked in a cross which menacing defender Jamie McCombe glanced into the net with his head.

There was no doubt that Huddersfield deserved their lead but it was a different story after the restart as Dons powered back.

The equaliser was laced with good fortune but as with Huddersfield's goal it was fully deserved.

Stephen Gleeson swung in a free-kick from deep out left which was clearly intended as a cross, but the ball evaded everyone in the box and dropped into the net at the back post.

Dons began to attack with increased potency and it was the home side who were now looking sloppy.

Alan Smith, making his first start, was beginning to look the part in midfield thanks to his ferocious work-rate and some excellent touches.

New right-back James Tavernier, signed on-loan from Newcastle on deadline day, enjoyed a lively debut racing up the wing.

Smith, constantly jeered by the home crowd because of his Leeds connections, was booked after a crunching tackle on McCombe and immediately replaced.

"He showed how good he is," Robinson said. "He won his headers and won tackles.

"He wasn't going to play in these games as we were going to give him a full week's training, but he knocked on my door and said he wanted to play."

Dons could not find a winner despite a contentious moment when Charlie MacDonald's close range effort looked to have been clearly blocked by the hands of a defender.

No penalty was given but Dons continued to come forward to the frustration of the home crowd – just unable to break through again.

The performance was a shadow of the one in the first half but there was a nervy last five-minutes as Huddersfield found the energy for a late rally.

Hunt crashed an audacious effort off the bar and Arfield was only millimetres away with a placed effort following a corner.

In the end a draw was fair and the two sides could yet meet again in the play-offs this season.

Last term Dons also played Wednesday and Huddersfield in consecutive games and were beaten 4-1 both times.

"It is probably a fair result for two very good teams who try and conduct themselves in the right way," Robinson said.

"It was a lucky goal but we'll take it as we haven't had many of them this season."

Next up for Dons is a home clash with Bury on Saturday.

The two sides draw a blank in a 0-0 stalemate earlier this season.

Alan Smith gets stuck in against Huddersfield

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ICE HOCKEY

Lightning lose more ground after defeats

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LIGHTNING are preparing for a huge cup semi-final, but they are doing so while suffering a dip in form.

After two defeats this weekend Nick Poole's side have lost six of their last seven matches and as a result have slid down to fifth in the English Premier League table, ten points adrift of Sunday's conquerers Guildford, who currently hold top spot.

Manchester Phoenix, who won in Milton Keynes on Saturday, are second, six points ahead of Lightning.

A return to form is top of the agenda and there would be no better time to do it than the first leg of the semi-final, away at Sheffield Steeldogs this evening.

The second leg will be on February 16 in front of the Lightning's home supporters at Planet Ice.

Lewis Clifford, the club's assistant manager, said that the club were determined to dig in and bounce back following the weekend's double setback.

He said: "On Saturday we just couldn't get the puck in the net, we had so many unlucky bounces in front of the Manchester goal and just couldn't get sticks onto them.

"The guys gave 100 per cent and battled until the end but unfortunately it just didn't quite work out for us.

"On Sunday we worked hard again and gave our all, but ultimately came up short of a very good Guildford team.

"We scored two goals which demonstrated how hard work and persistence do pay off, particularly so with Adam Carr's goal.

"On another night we could have converted a few more chances, but when you are struggling sometimes these things seem to work against you."

Lightning, who face Bracknell and Basingstoke next weekend, may now concede that a league title is a step too far .

"We will grit our teeth and get through this," Clifford said.

"The guys will work through this blip and come back stronger, and we'll be back to winning ways sooner rather than later.

"There's a lot of hockey to play between now and the end of the season."

FORMULA ONE

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The city-based team had the perfect 2011 by cruising to both the drivers' and constructor's titles and they will be looking to stay ahead of their Formula One rivals again with new car the RB8.

Chief technical officer Adrian Newey is again the brains behind the new car, which defending world champ Sebastian Vettel and team-mate Mark Webber will be racing next season.

A major change from last year's all conquering RB7 is the height of the front nose which has been lowered to meet new regulations.

Newey has also had to cope with the removal of RB7's exhaust blown diffuser.

He said: "The restriction nose height which is a maximum height just in front of the front bulkhead hasn't really changed the chassis shape very much.

"We've kept more or less the same chassis shape, but had to drop the nose just in front of the front bulkhead, which, in common with many other teams, has led us to what I think I'd probably say is a slightly ugly looking nose.

"We've tried to style it as best we can, but it's not a feature you would choose to put in were it not for the regulation."

Newey added that the car is the fourth generation of the 2009 car, the RB5.

And team principal Christian Horner welcomed the new car's arrival.

"This year's car build has gone fantastically well and I think it's the epitome of continuity, continuity across all areas," he said.

"I think we've designed and built this car in a record amount of time."

The RB8 is currently being tested in Jerez in Spain and much is being kept secret.

World champ Vettel added: "The last two years we have had two big things taken away, the double diffusers and the system around the blown exhaust.

"But the first time I jumped into the car for the seat fit to see if everything works I felt extremely comfortable.

"I think it was the same for Mark and myself."

BASKETBALL

Agony for Lions who see final place cruelly snatched at the death

Lions 87 Plymouth Raiders 81
Plymouth Raiders 107 Lions 99
Plymouth win 188-186 on aggregate

LIONS suffered heartbreak at the weekend as their hopes of gaining a spot in the BBL Trophy Final were dashed in the most gut-wrenching of circumstances.

MK claimed first blood with victory at home in the first leg of the semi-final clash with Plymouth Raiders on Friday, but they could not hold onto the six point advantage they created during Sunday's dramatic return leg in Devon.

Remarkably the Lions lead in the tie was still six points with only 49 seconds left on the clock in the second leg, but MK suffered a nightmare end to the game as Plymouth came roaring back in devastating fashion.

Raiders star man Jeremy Bell launched a one-man rescue mission by bagging the six points his side needed all by himself.

He firstly made the most of being fouled on a three-point attempt by making a treble of free-throws and he then brought Raiders level in the tie with a deep three-pointer.

Just before the match was tied Howard Crawford had been fouled but he missed his two free throws, probably the moment when Lions should have wrapped up their final place.

There was still time for more drama as Nuno Pedroso tried to regain the Lions' lead with a three point attempt on the buzzer, but the ball failed to drop and an overtime period was required.

Demarius Bolds on the prowl against Plymouth. Picture: F1 Point Zero

Pedroso immediately did what he couldn't do seconds earlier and bagged a three, but Lions suddenly trailed by ten thanks to two quick Raiders attacks and another score following a turnover.

Daniel Northern found the net, Demarius Bolds hit a three pointer and Pedroso hit another three to claw the gap back to two as Lions fought back.

Northern got the ball under the basket but was repelled as he tried to score, and MK got the ball out of bounds with seven seconds left on the clock.

The ball was passed out to Bolds and he fired in a shot which missed on the buzzer, sending the home fans into ecstacy.

Lions had been sublime and composed the whole way through the game, never letting the home town Raiders get ahead in the contest until the disastrous end of the match.

Club owner Vince Macaulay said: "In front of 1,450 vociferous home fans we turned in as professional a performance as we have in four seasons, however, sport is cruel.

"Firstly we had to travel without Adrien Sturt who was very ill and was kept in hospital in MK overnight to have fluid drained from an inflammation.

"Then we had several chances to win the game while Plymouth's game winner banged in a three pointer off the glass and in.

"We have learnt a valuable lesson in this series of games which is the level of intensity from which we must never drop, coach Mike New and myself implore the guys to push on harder and harder for better performances, now they know why and I think they relish in the prospect."

Macaulay was also unhappy that Northern was disqualified from the first leg when his Plymouth protagonist was allowed to remain.

But Lions will have to try and bounce back when they return to league action this weekend, with a trip to Cheshire Jets on Sunday on the calendar.

SPORTSSHORTS

BADMINTON

MANY city-based players were in action at the English National Badminton Championships at Bolton Arena this weekend.

Rajiv Ouseph claimed a record-breaking fifth consecutive title in the men's singles, thanks to a 21-18 21-14 over friend Carl Baxter, who he has beaten in the final for the last four years.

In the women's singles Liz Cann captured her fifth title thanks to a 21-19 21-17 win over eighth seed Kate Robertshaw, while the women's doubles crown went to Jenny Wallwork and Gabby White who defeated top seeds Mariana Agathangelou and Heather Olver 21-16 18-21 21-16.

Chris Adcock and Andy Ellis saw off Chris Langridge and Peter Mills 24-22 21-12 in the men's doubles final while the mixed was won by Adcock and White, who both picked up their second titles of the weekend by beating Nathan Robertson and Wallwork 21-18, 17-21, 21-14.

SKATING

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD figure skater Miesha Cooke Smith finished fourth out of 29 competitors when competing internationally in Slovenia.

Miesha, who trains at Planet Ice, was 12th to take to the ice and was awarded the highest marks for skating skill out of the entire field.

She finished behind two Bulgarian skaters and one Austrian overall and is now keen to test herself against international competition again.

The star of the future has recently achieved her National Ice Skating Association level four qualification, and her age and ability now mean that she is eligible for the national development team for a further year.

RUGBY UNION

ED SLATER was handed his debut for England Saxons on Friday night but it turned out to be a bow to forget for the former Milton Keynes RFC lock.

The country's second string national side were humbled 35-0 by Scotland A in Galashiels and Leicester Tigers man Slater was sin-binned following a breakdown infringement.

MK MARATHON

MORE than 4000 runners have now signed up for the MK Marathon, which takes place for the very first time on April 29.

In addition more than 80 corporate relay teams have been confirmed for the race, which will finish inside stadiummk.

SWIMMING

SWIMMERS from Milton Keynes and Bletchley have helped bring home a fantastic haul of 37 medals for the South Beds Masters club.

The 11-strong team made a splash at the Masters Long Course gala held at Crawley.

In addition, 17 new east region records, 21 new county records and 25 new club records were set.

Masters swimming is coached swimming for the other 25s, with the club meeting once a week in Bletchley.

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Dons planning loan raids to boost their firepower

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KARL Robinson wants more attacking players to help drive Dons towards promotion glory.

The boss believes that having extra options in the final third could be key during the business end of the season and is planning raids in the loan window.

He has been inspired by other clubs who have bolstered their front-lines for the run-in and also feels that if injuries strike, up top would be the worst area of the field to have a shortage of men.

"Players at the top end of the pitch can define your season," Robinson said.

"The more of them you have, the more options it gives you and the more you can rest players and freshen it up at the right time.

"I remember Peterborough going for loads of forwards at the end of the season, and West Ham are doing it and they're top."

When Robinson does swoop for new players timing will have to be key due to the complexities of the loan window, which remains open until March 22 even though the regular window is closed.

Anyone who comes in can only be signed on a 93-day-loan, so could miss the last action of the season if brought in too early.

Dons lost Rowan Vine for the final games of last term when his loan expired in this fashion, and Robinson doesn't want any new additions to be unavailable for the potentially key last games of the campaign, which could be the play-offs.

Robinson said: "I'm looking for another forward or a wide player.

"Maybe someone who can ask the questions up front if we get injuries in the latter part of the season.

"But we've got to be very careful of when, who and how we do it.

"I don't think we can strengthen the defence, and I don't think we can strengthen just in front where we have Darren Potter, Stephen Gleeson and now Alan Smith."

Dons have been linked with a number of players and Robinson admitted that he is pleased with the club getting attention.

He said: "It's amazing how many times you see our name mentioned, we've never had so many people talking about us.

"We're now a club that people want to come and play for which has never been the case before."

Robinson refused to rule out a move for Tottenham wide-man David Bentley – a friend from his days at Blackburn Rovers.

And he admitted disappointment about losing right-back Adam Smith, who was recalled by Tottenham late into the transfer window and immediately loaned out again to Leeds.

"It went a bit sour the way it finished, a phone call and a letter recalling him 24-hours before the window closed," he said.

"If he went back to be bought or go in the first team, you'd accept it, I thought going back to go on loan again was disrespectful."

Meanwhile, the FA have confirmed that they will be taking no further action after Robinson was sent to the stands during the 1-1 draw against Sheffield Wednesday on Tuesday.

New boy James Tavernier made his Dons debut on Saturday in the 1-1 draw with promotion rivals Huddersfield. More on page 74 Picture: Andy Handley

Signing McNamee a 'mistake' says boss

DONS boss Karl Robinson has admitted that bringing winger Anthony McNamee to the club was a mistake.

The 28-year-old former Norwich City man was an 11th hour signing for Dons on deadline day in August, but he was made a free agent at the end of the very next transfer window last month.

During that time he failed to make a start for the club – only appearing eight times from the bench – and he was sent out on loan to fellow League One club Wycombe Wanderers in November.

At the time, Robinson said he wanted McNamee 'to go and play a few games, rip the league up and come back firing on full cylinders' to help Dons get promoted.

But the relationship between club and player could not be repaired when he returned to stadiummk, despite the fact he scored twice while at Wycombe.

McNamee has now moved to Dons' Buckinghamshire rivals full-time.

Robinson said: "He just didn't fit and wasn't part of the jigsaw. It didn't work for him or work for us.

"Two managers who I respect immensely said if you make a signing and he doesn't fit into your squad, don't try and persevere with him and lie to the fans, and make it look like a good signing.

"They said don't worry as there will be many of them you'll get wrong.

"Just make sure you get rid of them in the next window, and we did that, so I've not cheated anybody.

"You accept that you've made a mistake and I have made a mistake.

"I take that on the chin, I've got to accept it and put my hands up."

Dons could come face to face with McNamee again when the two sides meet in Wycombe on March 24.

But Robinson has already added another winger to the squad with the deadline day capture of Paul Slane, on-loan from Scottish giants Celtic.

The 20-year-old is lightning quick and will provide the pace that Robinson has wanted to inject into his side when he arrives in Milton Keynes next week.

"He is pure pace and he can play on the left or right," he said.

"We had him watched and we're looking forward to getting him here and working with him."

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